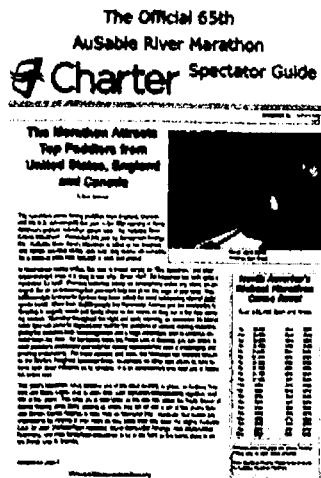


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SPORTS

64 paddlers compete in Spike's Challenge C-1 race



Participation numbers are down this year for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and for the Spike's Challenge C-2 race, but the Spike's Challenge C-1 race actually increased its number of participants by 10 from last year's record pace.

The C-1 race grew for the fourth consecutive year. This year's field featured 64 paddlers (54 men and 10 women). Last year's field included 54 paddlers. There were 50 participants in 2010 and 47 competitors in 2009. In 2006 through 2008, the race averaged 38 participants. **Page 6B**

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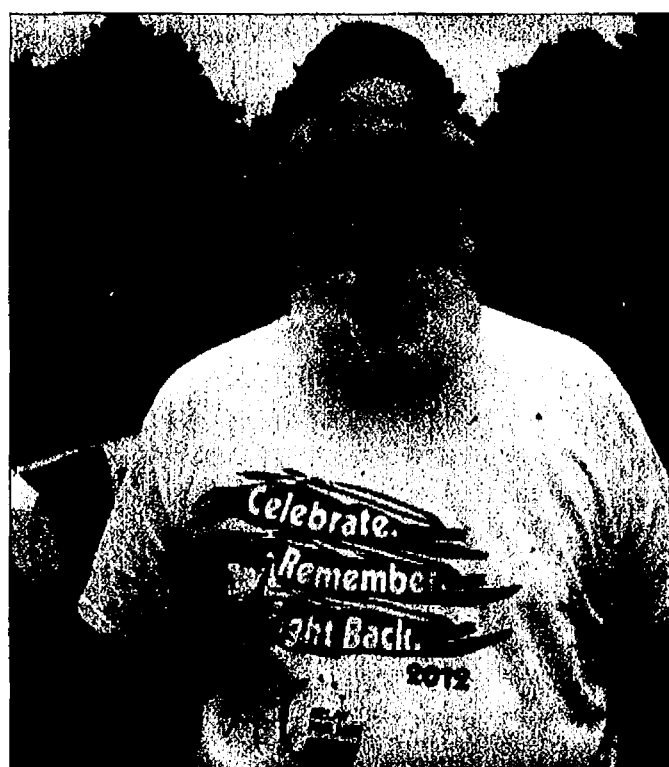
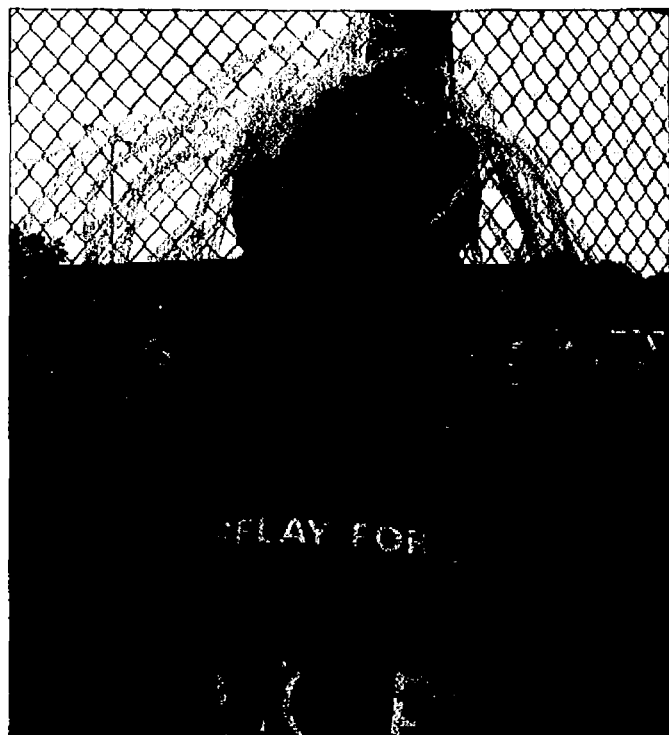
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RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS RAISE MONEY TO BATTLE CANCER

Relay for Life of Crawford County has raised \$34,893.83 following the 2012 Relay for Life event held last weekend at the Grayling High School, said Molly Paquin, community representative for the American Cancer Society. Local volunteers are well on their way to reaching their fund-raising goal of \$35,500 since a golf outing is scheduled to held on Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Grayling Country Club. Above left, Abigail Kovacs, wearing a zany hat, took part in the Relay for Life in honor of her grandmother, Donna Kovacs, who is a cancer survivor. Above right, Ali Helinski, Gabby Helinski and cousin Maddison Bradke took a break from walking on the track to buy some goodies at a Relay for Life fund-raising stand. Below left, Dave Pratt, who has battled skin cancer, takes a lap around the track. Below right, Jalen Temple and his grandfather, Bill Fitch, who also battles skin cancer, were part of a Relay for Life Team called Guys Against Cancer.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



Talents showcased with Grayling En Plein Air Garden and Art Walk

The Beyond the Garden Wall Club and the AuSable Artisan Village teamed up for the 2012 Grayling En Plein Air Garden and Art Walk held on July 14. The annual summer event, celebrating the gardens of northern Michigan, featured tours at the homes of Kay and Ron Wood, Lynette and Michael Corlew, Debbie Bellnap, Marilyn Hunt, Dan Feldhauser and Shirley and Bob Young. Artists Pam Meland, Sherri Graziano, Jean Pratt, Jackie House, Scott Rice, Justin La Doux, Lisa Balbach and Terry Dickinson took part in the event. Above left, Lynette Corlew is pictured near a flower-covered trellis in the family's garden located on the AuSable River. Above right, Shirley and Bob Young's garden, located on Lake Margrethe, featured ponds, streams, water falls, deer statues and a miniature railroad. Below right, La Doux, a Kirtland Community College professor, welds a metal figure using recycled materials, wire and various metals.

Photos courtesy of Lisa Oliver

Defending champs win Spike's Challenge



Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie posted their fifth consecutive victory in the Spike's Challenge C-2 event – a canoe race from the Old AuSable Fly Shop in Grayling to McMasters Bridge – on Sunday, July 22. **Full story, Page 1B**

AuSable Marathon to start on Saturday night

72 teams, fewest in six years, are registered for 2012 race

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The 2012 AuSable River Canoe Marathon will not have the record numbers of participants like in 2009 through 2011 – the event averaged 91.3 teams during that span – but more than 70 duos are signed up for this year's race, the 65th in the event's history.

The race's full name this year will be the "AuSable River Canoe Marathon, Presented by Consumers Energy." The marathon has several different levels of sponsorship available. For many years, Weyerhaeuser was the Title Sponsor and had its name in front. Presenting Sponsor – the level of sponsorship for Consumers Energy this year – is one tier below Title Sponsor. According to the event's official website, the marathon's other sponsorship types include: Associate; Time Trial; Product, Service or Media; Contributing; and Race Bonus. Each category offers a different package of exposure for the sponsor.

The AuSable Marathon is a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda slated for a 9 p.m. start on Saturday, July 28. It takes 14 to 19 hours for teams to reach the finish line. Thousands of spectators will watch parts of the race from a variety of areas, including bridges and dams.

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Kids T-shirt design rolls on as a community tradition



As the AuSable River Canoe Marathon reaches six and a half decades in the community, artwork from area students is being featured on a T-shirt for the sixth consecutive year. Above, the group that designed the T-shirt are, front row, first graders Noel Listman and Andrew Moore, and back row, second graders Danny Snyder and Ally Laine. **Full story, Page 2A**

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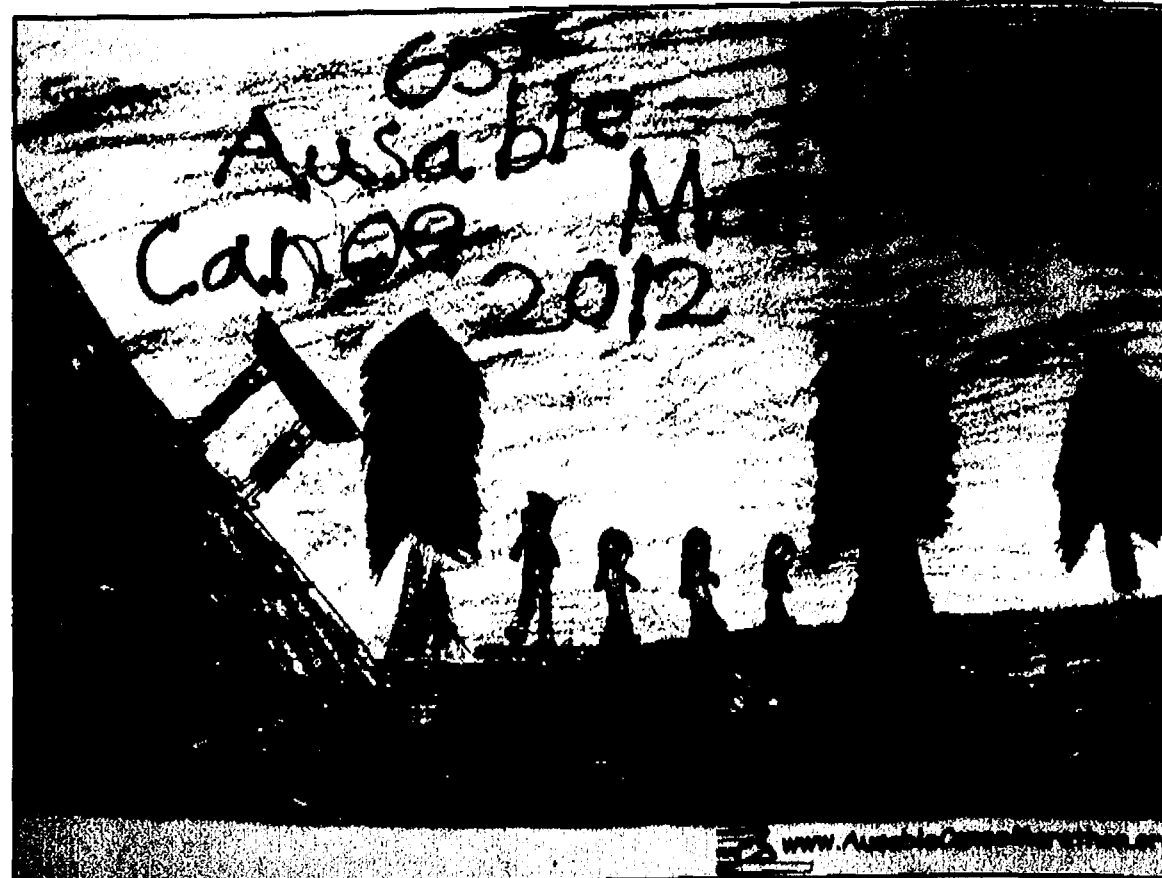
The creativity of four AuSable Primary School students is being showcased during the AuSable River Festival and AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Designs from Ally Laine, Noel Listman, Andrew Moore and Danny Snyder were used for the kids T-shirt being sold for the 65th annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

This is the sixth year that the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee turned to the kids to design the T-shirt for the canoe marathon and AuSable River Festival. The T-shirt has become a fixture among the merchandise sold for the marathon.

Over 200 kindergarten through second grade students from the AuSable Primary School submitted drawings for the T-shirt.

Moore's drawing of a canoe team tackling one of the many portages during the marathon, was included in the design. Snyder submitted the writing, signifying



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ing the 65th annual AuSable Canoe Marathon. Laine's drawing included paddlers on the river and trees in the background. Finally, Listman's artwork features spectators, cheering in the background.

Andy Moore, chairman of the merchandise committee for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee, said the committee prefers to have a foursome of students in the

T-shirt's design.

"Usually, we find four that match well together," he said.

Moore, however, acknowledged that it is getting hard to select designs for the T-shirt since the students can study designs from the last five years.

"To me it's getting harder to pick these things and it's taking more time because everybody's got a few years in and they've seen what the old shirts look like, which is great," Moore said.

Moore, Suzanne Schlachter and Joe Wakeley, members of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon committee, selected the final drawings.

For the first time this year, Schlachter, a third grade teacher at the Grayling Elementary School, had students help judge the final

drawings.

"That was kind of exciting to have the kids pick the winners," Moore said.

Schlachter said going from participants to judges benefited the four students she selected to look over the drawings.

"I think it gave them a chance to show their creative side since they had participated in the competition and it gave them one more chance to be part of that drawing tradition," she said.

T-shirts are available in kids sizes up to extra large for adults for \$15 each.

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon Outlet is located at 108 E. Michigan Ave.

On the day of the AuSable Canoe Marathon, all T-shirts will be sold on the Citizens Bank lawn.

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by Dan Sanderson
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Jeff Ford, a retired high school science teacher, who co-authored the book *The Lone Wolverine - Tracking Michigan's Most Elusive Animal*, with journalist Elizabeth Philips Shaw, said the wolverine is believed to made its home in Michigan in 2003.

An ice bridge, formed over northern Great Lakes, in 2002, provided passage for the wolverine.

DNA analysis of the wolverine indicate the wolverine came into Michigan from Canada, but Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials contend that the wolverine's genetic make up match family members from Alaska.

The wolverine lived in Sanilac County's Minden State Game Area in Michigan's Thumb area for six years.

Wolverines are known for traveling long distances. Ford believes the wolverine traveled from Ontario, where a bear hunter found its tracks, to Michigan - a total of 250 miles. Three different DNA tests were compared with nearly 500 wolverines to the wolverine found in Michigan.

"It's all theory, but it is based on some evidence," Ford said.

Bear trapper Dale Abbott first discovered the wolverine's tracks, but thought they were left by bears. He contacted Ford, who is a published outdoor writer, about the discovery. Abbot was particularly intrigued, because beaver dams in the Minden State Game area, were being destroyed.

"Bears typically don't do that, but the wolverine's favorite food is beaver so it kind of confused him at the time," Ford said.

Ford made plaster copies of the tracks. Arnie Karr, a DNR biologist, originally verified the animal was a wolverine. At the time of the wolverine's sighting, DNR Director Rebecca Humphries signed an emergency order protecting the animal from harassment or harm.

It took Ford over a year, 371 days to be exact, to capture a picture of the wolverine with a game camera, a device used by hunters and outdoor enthusiasts to track the movement of wildlife. The Minden State Game Area is

8,700-acres of swamp, which includes a bog.

After catching the first glimpse of the wolverine, Ford used venison steaks and chops as bait.

Known for its viciousness, Ford said the wolverine leaped at a pair of red-tailed hawks on the bait pile, defending its area. A day later, Ford said the wolverine came after him and a friend as they were changing batteries in the game camera.

"She charged in, then she bolted away," he said. "It was pretty exciting."

During his six years observing the wolverine, Ford tested the renowned animal.

First, Ford gauged the strength to the wolverine, which are known pound for pound to be strongest mammal on the planet. A 100-pound log was placed over a venison bait pile, which raccoons were trying to get at unsuccessfully.

"She just walked in, picked up the end of it with her mouth and carried it over," said Ford, comparing it to a human being moving a car. "She was only 24 pounds."

Next, Ford placed bait up in tamarack trees, testing the wolverines on the strength of the tree branches.

"She was smart enough to distribute her weight on three of four branches and then she would get it," Ford said.

Finally, Ford placed bait high up in the trees. Although having a low center of gravity, Ford said the wolverine jumped as high as seven feet a couple of times.

The wolverine roamed the Minden State Game Area until its natural death in 2010. It was found by hikers in the water.

It was the first wolverine ever verified as living in the wild in Michigan. Michigan is known as the Wolverine State because it was a center for trade in the early trapping industry and wolverine pelts from the north and west of Michigan came through the state. Biologists say that if wolverines were native to Michigan, they were extirpated about 200 years ago.

Ford said the only docu-



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Above, the mounted wolverine will be on display at the Hartwick Pines State Park from July 26 through Aug. 15.

mented wolverine in Michigan's history was discovered in Newberry in 1911.

"There is no physical evidence to prove or disprove that," Ford said.

The mounted wolverine will be on display at the Hartwick Pines State Park from July 26 through Aug. 15. Ford will be on hand this week from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hartwick Pines Visitor's Center. On Saturday, Ford will be holding presentations featuring photos and videos of the wolverine at noon and 2 p.m.

The wolverine is slated to be on display in the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula for the next several weeks. It will be on display at the state capitol in Lansing for the winter, and will make its way to all 83 counties in the state.

Rob Burg, a site historian at the Hartwick Pines State Park, said the staff is proud to bring the wolverine to Crawford County.

"Having the wolverine here at Hartwick Pines, it's nice to kind of show an animal that may not have been in our forests in Michigan, but certainly this type of forest habitat," Burg said. "It's going to be a great draw for Hartwick Pines and for the Grayling area for next few weeks, because people don't get to see a wolverine in Michigan. They can learn a

little bit about the wolverine, come out to Hartwick Pines and enjoy everything else in our park."

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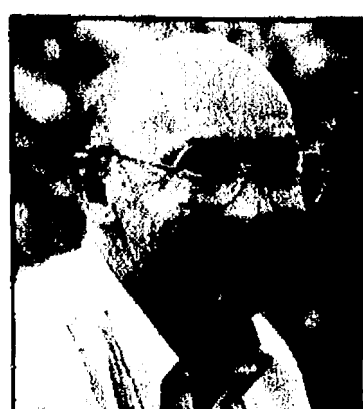
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Marijuana amendment gone for now

BALLOT PROPOSALS – A recent Almanack discussed seven proposals which will be on the November general election ballot to amend the state Constitution in a variety of ways or repeal certain laws now on the books.

There might have been one more, but advocates for legal marijuana pulled out part way through the process of getting petitions filled with signatures.

The pro-marijuana group called Committee for a Safer Michigan sought to amend the state Constitution by permitting possession of small amounts of marijuana for any medical or recreational use.

The group needed 322,000 proper petition signatures, but had collected only 45,000 when its leaders decided to pull the plug. They were using all volunteers to fill petitions, but said they realized they needed professional help to reach their goal.

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TOUGH JOB – Gathering 322,000 legitimate signatures to reach the Michigan ballot is a tough job. The figure is decided by the number of votes cast for governor in the most recent election, which means that in 2010 about 3,220,000 folks voted for governor.

In that earlier Almanack, I noted that most of the seven successful campaigns to reach the ballot filed far in excess of the 322,000 signatures needed. One union-oriented group submitted almost 800,000 signatures in a dramatic show of strength.

With these claims in mind, I figured that about 4,000,000 signatures were submitted to state election officials for the total of the seven ballot proposals.

Checking vote totals in recent elections shows that the total vote for candidates for governor usually fell short of the suggested 4,000,000 signatures submitted on petitions this year.

One obvious conclusion is that in many cases the same individuals this year signed multiple petitions seeking to change the constitution.

Another conclusion is that there may be professional petition-signers as well as professional petition-circulators practicing their trade in Michigan.

Or it could mean only that the folks submitting the petitions exaggerate quite a bit to puff up the number of supporters they claim to represent.

Is any of that stuff illegal? Nope, but it is curious that Michigan apparently has more

people signing petitions to change government than vote for governor.

It would be an interesting study for some fledgling political scientist to inspect and compare all 4,000,000 possible signers on petitions this year, and suggest some fact-based conclusions.

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SNYDER'S VIEWS – Gov. Rick Snyder usually does not take strong positions on things that might or might not happen in the political world.

For what it's worth, here's what he told a recent town hall meeting on the ballot proposals, according to a report in the *Detroit Free Press*:

"I haven't formally come out on all of them, but most of them don't have a whole lot of value. Basically all they're doing is messing with the Michigan Constitution and trying to go backward, taking us back or making things more complicated or more expensive."

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GERMAN INVASION – Michigan's State Police motorcycle fleet isn't completely home bred anymore.

The state has purchased nine BMW motorcycles made in Germany. Until now,

American-made Harley-Davidson bikes have been exclusive. The state fleet is 24 motorcycles, so American made is still the majority.

Police officials claim the BMWs are faster, handle better, are safer and even have a lower price tag. BMW's bid prices were \$23,549 and \$24,022, while the Harley bids were very close at \$24,406 and \$24,791.

How fast is fast? The BMW has top speed of 131 mph, and the Harley hits 104 mph. BMW can go from 0-100 mph in 11 seconds; it takes Harley 31.

Harley-Davidson has no plants in Michigan but does in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, both states which can ill afford to lose any more manufacturing jobs.

All in all, if I had a voice in buying our state's motorcycles – which I do not have – I would vote to buy American.

Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are a lot closer to Michigan than Germany.

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Letters to the Editor

Take the exam

To the editor:

I recently thought of those words that shaped my life in the military and civilian life.

I graduated from Grayling High School in June, 1942 and World War II had just started. In the fall I was working for the Coca Cola Company in Grand Rapids, driving a semi truck. I wanted to be a pilot, so I paid a visit to the Navy Recruiting Office. He informed me that I would have to have at least two years of college. I told him that I had just finished high school. He said it is probably a waste of time, but I can take the written exam if I want to. To his surprise and mine, I passed the exam.

I had to wait until spring to be assigned to a Navy Flight school as a cadet. During the next 16 months, I attended five different schools in five different locations. Flight Instruction was one half a day and ground school was the other half. I had to work very hard in ground school. I graduated in June 1944 in Corpus Christi, Texas and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and received my Gold Naval Aviation Wings. We were scheduled to fly the B-25 bomber at Cherry Point, NC, but our orders were changed to San Diego, Calif. We were then ordered to Corvallis, Ore., where we learned to fly the R4D and R5C twin engine Marine Transport aircraft.

We were then transferred to the Island of Guam and covered most of the islands involving the Marines, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa where our plane was hit by a rocket. When the war ended we had orders to fly occupational Marines into Japan and China.

After World War II, I returned to Grayling. My brothers, Clayton and Larry were discharged from the Army. A large airfield was

built during the war, but never used. I thought aviation had a good future and I talked Clayton into forming the Grayling Air Service to train veterans to fly, provide a charter service and servicing of visiting aircraft. After a few years the business would not support two families, so I moved to Battle Creek.

Shortly after that the Korean War started, I was called back into the Marine Corps as a Captain at Cherry Point, NC, and was assigned to a jet fighter Air Group to fly a transport aircraft for the group and check out in a jet. Later I was transferred to California to become a Plane Commander on the four engine R5D Marine Transport. I was then transferred to Hawaii and then to Japan to fly troops in and out of Korea and also trips to Hong Kong, China.

In 1955 the war is over and I am ready to make a change. I was offered a pilot's job with Pan American Airlines. I would be based in New York with flights to England and Europe. It would mean living in New York. This did not appeal to Joyce and I. We decided to move to Traverse City and I was discharged from the Marine Corps.

Being a Captain, I received a pretty good salary, plus as a pilot, I received a monthly bonus for flight duty. We had saved enough money to provide adequate funds for the expenses and adjustment to a civilian life, if I could find a job right away.

I met and formed a partnership with Jack Zimmerman, who owned a residential construction company. I had to start from "scratch" as I did not know anyone or was I familiar with Traverse City. Over the years, I grew the company into 18 sales people in the residential department

and five in the commercial department. I also formed some investment groups.

I recently looked back on my life and see how fortunate I was in taking the exam to enter the Naval Aviation Cadet program to learn to be a Marine pilot. I would not have had the qualifications and money to start the Grayling Air Service and I would not have had the funds for our living expenses and the investment in Zimmerman-McDonnell Realty Co.

Traverse City was the right choice. We all enjoyed living there. Good schools for Doug and Gary. I loved to boat and fish and we ended up owning a nice home on East Bay with a boat out in front.

I have written stories about my war experience and I would like to encourage other veterans from Grayling to write their stories. I think that more and more young people are becoming interested in the wars (past and present) and the sacrifices made for our great country. I am providing funds to the Crawford County Museum to help give assistance to these veterans to write their stories and then provide the space required in the museum for visitors to read the stories.

I hope your newspaper will help in getting the word out about this opportunity for veterans to tell their story and perhaps help the museum with their expenses.

In the past, your newspaper has written articles about my father, James McDonnell, who was Postmaster in the depression years and had the Post Office built. Also, on May 27, 1993, you ran a one page story about the Grayling Air Service established after World War II by my brother, Clayton and myself.

Bud McDonnell
Kalamazoo

These machines cause damage wherever they go

To the editor:

This is in reference to the Letter to the Editor from Chris Nagy.

I don't believe that quads and their drivers do much good for anyone in Grayling. They don't use much gas (most bring their own from down state) and what local attractions?

Our experience with quads and their drivers are poor ones. These people have no respect for private property and drive wherever they want. The access to our home is a private and it is marked with multiple signs that state is Private Property – No ORVs. They ignore this and think they're on a moto cross track, driving at high speeds, causing excessive dust and tearing up the trail.

I understand that not all quad drivers are inconsiderate and we know it just takes a couple to ruin it for all; however, these machines cause damage wherever they go. The design of the machine and their tires cause much trail damage, nature of the beast. The sides of the roads also get damages from these machines.

The law should be changed back and allow these on designated trails only.

Mike Lesso
Grayling

The Sound of Freedom

To the editor:

I moved to this area and was surprised by the loud explosions from the ranges and finding out I had moved to the flight path of the helicopters going from the airfield to Range 40. My reaction to this was just a little different than some others.

Every summer for the last 19 years we have looked forward to the symphony my family affectionately refers to as "The Sounds of Freedom." We would like to thank the Michigan Army and Air National Guard's for playing this song and rocking us to sleep at night.

These sounds to us are belief in knowing we have the right to make our own

choice in this country, the right to be secure in our home, the right to bear arms and yes, the right to have a letter printed in a newspaper with opposing views. And to know we are protected from foreign invaders.

If the training the Guards take part in at Camp Grayling keep me from lowering the American Flag to half staff it is truly worth it to me.

So to Mr. Miller, you can exercise your rights, but please when you see a soldier, thank him or her for giving you and preserving that right for you.

Edward Gosicki
Frederic

Pass the noise ordinance already

To the editor:

Pass the noise ordinance already.

Between the fireworks law, the wonderful new fireworks store in town and the lack of the noise ordinance, limited what the cops can do to control it, Crawford County residents get the privilege of a fireworks show, in the neighborhoods, every single night. Neighbors have no regard

for children sleeping and people that have to work in the morning. Its ridiculous that there is no law in this county to stop this.

Whatever it is that needs to happen to get this passed it needs to happen as soon as possible.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who is aggravated by the constant, nightly noise.

Tracy Chandonais
Grayling

Briefs

Project Fresh registration to be held

A Nutrition class/coupon distribution will take place on a first-come, first-served basis. If you feel you qualify and would like to participate in the program, contact the COA at 348-7123 to register for a date and time in August to attend the class and pick up your coupons after your eligibility has been determined. You must contact the COA to register for a class ahead of time. Classes will be held at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling.

Rotary to hold Annual Chicken BBQ

The Grayling Rotary Club will be holding their Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 28, from noon to 6 p.m., at the American Legion Post 106, on the I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or from any Grayling Rotarian. All proceeds go for community good works.

Eagles to be hold Steak Out

The Grayling Eagles will hold a Steak Out on Friday, July 27, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A 16 oz. New York Strip with all the trimmings for cost of \$10 per person. Raffle tickets will be on sale.

Church to hold concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, will present in concert, Redeeming Grace Quartet, on Sunday, July 29, at 10 a.m. Come as you are.

AuSable Valley Squadron seeking cadets

The AuSable Valley Squadron 277, auxiliary to the Civil Air Patrol of the US Air Force, invite cadets and parents to visit and check out programs offered for ages 12 to 19 and 8 to 12. Meetings are at the Regional Airport at Camp Grayling on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Lt. Meyers at 989-275-6389 or Capt. Waybrant at 989-745-6283 or 989-858-1199.

Cheerleaders to hold fundraiser

The Viking cheerleaders will hold a fundraising concessions stand Thursday - Saturday on the Citizens Bank lawn.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District has vendor space available for expo

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will be holding it's 7th Annual Conservation Expo on Sat., August 18 at the Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Conservation-related groups and nature crafters are encouraged to participate. Vendor fees are no charge or up to \$20, depending on type of business, organization, unit of government, etc. Vendors may set up outside or inside of the building.

Scout troops, 4H clubs, community organizations, units of government, wildlife and game clubs, nature crafters, etc. are highly encouraged to participate to get your name out to the public.

Vendors are encouraged to promote their business/service by having give-aways and drawings for door prizes at their booths. Remember, this is your chance to sell your product, answer questions from possible customers or distribute promotional items to the public you serve.

This will be the second year for a Silent Auction of environmental items. These products and services will be auctioned off throughout the day. If you cannot participate in manning a booth, a door prize or auction item is welcomed to promote your product and/or service. This annual environmental event is open to the public and admission is free. Families are encouraged to attend, as many events are child-friendly. Attendees number between 300-500 each year. This event is provided in partnership with the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District and the Houghton Lake Lake Association. Organizations and individuals wishing to participate may contact: Barb Stauffer, administrator, (989) 275-3163, barb.stauffer@macd.org; Jim Johnson, expo committee chairman, (989) 422-3517; or Craig Woods; silent auction chairman; (989) 275-4295, cwoods44@gmail.com

Auxiliary member honored for service



Photo courtesy of Pamela Jerome

Ann Hamlin was recently honored with the title of "Miss Auxiliary 2012" by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary Post #106. Hamlin rode in a red 1989 Corvette convertible owned by Lloyd Crawford, a Grayling American Legion Post #106 member, in the community's Fourth of July parade. Above, Hamlin has been an active member of the Auxiliary for 50 years and has held many offices in the organization.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 22 of \$25 each; John MacLeod, Laurel Marshall, Gloria Neilson and John Keir. Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for July 20 was Laura Witt.

Area Events

Houghton Lake - The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will hold their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building (back of the Pines Theatre) at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited. Call 989-386-0085.

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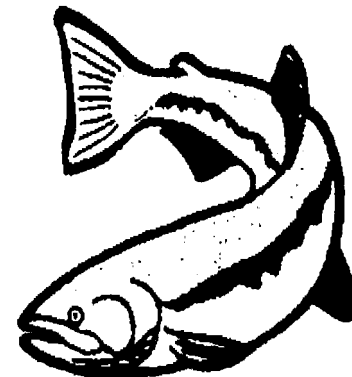
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AuSable River Festival 2012 Schedule of Events July 25th - July 29th

Wednesday, July 25th
- HUP ("Hurry Up & Paddle")
Race 5:30pm
in the Grayling City Park

Thursday, July 26th
- Marathon Coffee Break 9 am to 11 am on the lawn at Citizens' Bank
- Grayling Farm Market (behind Xpress Copy) 11am - 5pm
- Business Relay Races 4:30 pm - 7 pm, starts at Penrod's and goes to Old AuSable Fly Shop
- AuSable River C-1 Express Race at 7:15 pm at Penrod's and goes to Burton's Landing

Friday, July 27th
- Borchers' Annual Kids Race, the Casey Challenge, 10 am at Borchers' Canoe Livery
- Grayling Eagles Club Beer Tent 11 am - close
Steak Out & \$1.00 Raffle dinner 4pm - 8 pm

Saturday, July 28th
- G.R.A.'s Annual 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run in town at the Middle School 9 am
- Classic Car Show on Michigan Avenue at 8 am - 3 pm
- Arts & Crafts Show at the Grayling City Park at 9 am - 6 pm
- Food Court on Michigan Avenue 9am - 6pm
- Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show 10 am - 5 pm at the Icehouse Quilt Shop
- Grayling Eagles Horseshoe Tournament 10 am - close
Beer Tent (hot dogs &

(w/entertainment until close) at the Eagles Club
- Arts & Crafts Show at the Grayling City Park 10am - 8pm
- Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show at 10 am - 5 pm at the Icehouse Quilt Shop
- 2nd Annual CRUISE NIGHT starts at Northstar Auto Wash(M-72 West) at 6:30pm

Sunday, July 29th
- Black Bear Bicycle Tour beginning at 8 am on Michigan Ave in Grayling and ending in Oscoda (100 mile ride)

hamburgers) 11 am - close at Grayling Eagles Club
- Downtown Music Bash on Michigan Ave 9am - 6pm
- Grayling Rotary's Annual Chicken BBQ at the American Legion 12pm - 6pm
- Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church's Ice Social at 12 pm - 4 pm
- AuSable River Festival Parade, starts at 3 pm
- Clown Band Concert on the lawn at Citizen's Bank 4pm

Sunday, July 29th
- Black Bear Bicycle Tour beginning at 8 am on Michigan Ave in Grayling and ending in Oscoda (100 mile ride)

65TH AuSable River Canoe Marathon Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 25th
4 pm - 8 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery

Thursday, July 26th
4 pm - 8 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery

Friday, July 27th
10 am - 12 pm Meet & Greet Paddlers at Grayling Mini Mall (old Hometown Furniture Building)
2 pm - 6 pm - Time Trials Sprints for starting position at Penrod's Canoe Livery
4:30 pm - Special Olympics Canoe Races at Penrod's AuSable Canoe Livery

Saturday, July 28th
Noon - Paddler's Pre-Race Briefing at Grayling Middle School - Spruce Street
4:30 pm - Paddler's Mass at Saint Mary's Parish

All remaining events held at The Old AuSable Fly Shop:
6pm - Pre-Marathon Program
7pm - Posting of Colors
9 pm - START of the 65th AuSable River Canoe Marathon

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August 5th - 2 p.m.
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Tickets available at Gaylord Information Center
www.gaylordcommunityproductions.org

The Bible Speaks

Gun Protection

Does our U. S. Constitution really protect gun ownership? Hiker Sam wrote a recent article tying together the provisions of our forefathers in the U.S. Constitution which protects our rights to self defense. Sam said, "For those people who think the 2nd Amendment is about hunting rather than citizens protecting themselves from the government, refer them to the very next (3rd Amendment) of the Constitution. 'No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in the manner to be prescribed by law.' Sam went on to say, 'Soldiers. G Men with guns. The only guns in our houses will be OUR guns as allowed/required in the 2nd Amendment. Not government guns. Our guns in, government guns and the guys carrying them, out. Simple. Our guns protect freedom. Government guns are used to take away freedom. Fact of life. Not to be discussed any further. Soldiers and militias are discussed in the 2nd and 3rd Amendments, not hunters. The up front concern is about the balance of RAW POWER between the citizens and their government. No one was worried about bagging the limit on ducks.'"

Sam then said, "The next (4th) Amendment begins, 'The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses...against unreasonable searches and seizures...' Of course, those searches and seizures would be done by the government." Sam summarized the argument this way: "This ordering of Amendments was no accident. The Founding Fathers said, to have a great country you do these things and in this

order:"

1. Our government (as WE define it) can't stop its citizens from saying and printing whatever they want, getting together any where and any time they want and it won't ever mess with citizens religious beliefs;"

2. To make sure government doesn't try to renege on rule number one, citizens will have guns...and so will their individual States (militias) in case the feds get any funny ideas. This rule is so solid it can't even be INFRINGED;"

3. Soldiers (armed G Men) are never welcome in our homes.... Soldiers are ARMED so they can kill people. So are we. Sounds ugly, but it's better than going back to the days of Big Government."

4. And besides soldiers, no other government agent can come into our homes unless a judge says so. If they don't have a warrant...., then Sam concluded, we have a right under the 2nd and 3rd Amendments to defend ourselves and our homes. (I toned down the harshness of Sam's language here.)

Some colonies had laws on the books requiring families to carry a gun to church for protection. They held a Bible in one hand defended by their 1st Amendment right. They held a gun in the other hand defended by their 2nd Amendment right. It was God who gave us His truth to set us free, and God gave us the right to self-defense, which is the ultimate of all other human rights. (Luke 22:36) Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



Howard King

Howard King, of Grayling, passed away July 17, 2012.

Father of Phillip (Aiden) King, William King; step-father of Gary (Laura) McGrath, Paula (Paul) Bridges and the late Mike McGrath; grandfather of Brian, Jon, Mike, Kara, Eric, Maggie and Marcie. Also surviving him are sisters, Marion Rubesane and Rita Snow; niece, Marsha (Stan) Rozycki and friend, Susie Anderson.

Howard proudly served in the United States Navy, worked as head chef at the Rochester Elks club and faithfully volunteered his time to Hospice.

A private memorial service will be held to honor Howard's life and his motto "Live, Laugh, Love and be Happy". Donations may be made to Hospice. Online guestbook www.moretzfuneral-homes.com.

Kay Ketchum

Kay Allen Ketchum, 81, of Grayling, passed away on June 30, 2012.

Kay was born in Gobles, on February 21, 1931, son of the late Bessie (Parkhurst) and Thomas Evan Ketchum.

He served in the US Army Air Force as a Sergeant.

He is survived by children: Jelaine (Daniel) Shutes of Oregon, Michael (Constance) Ketchum of Grayling, Patrick Ketchum of Virginia, Jodie (Jose) Cervantes of Oregon; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Ketchum.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline; and four brothers.

Gathering of family and friends to remember Kay will be held on July 28, 2012 at Gobles United Methodist Church between 12 - 3 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Henry Carroll

Henry Carroll memorial service for friends and family will be at the Free Methodist Church, M-72 West, Grayling on August 4, at 11 a.m.



Nicholas A. Smith

Nicholas Alan Smith (Nik), July 10, 1992 - July 8, 2012, passed away in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he resided.

He was passionate about family, friends, fishing and skateboarding.

He is survived by mother, Denise Smith (David Boehm); father, Harry Smith (Darsci Simpson); siblings: Greg Flewelling, Micheala Smith, Ciarrh Smith, Branden DeRoque; grandparents, great-grandparents; aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by Wayne Jones (Papa).

The Lord has called an angel home. Please celebrate a beautiful life. Share a tear, a smile, a story and a laugh with Nik's family on July 29, 2012, at 102 Dearborn Ave., Higgins Lake North, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., at 7 p.m., placing Nicholas in his final resting place.

Casual, comfortable, beach attire.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family.

Richard R. Yoder

Richard Yoder, 67, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Grayling, passed away on Monday, July 16, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Sucha; and siblings: Robert of Kenai, Alaska, Gary, Marlene (Les) Goss, Larry (JoAnn) of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Wanda.

Travis Batway

Travis Batway, 24, of Grayling, passed away Sunday, July 22, 2012.

Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 27, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. A mass of Christian burial will take place Friday, July 27, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Richard Billman

Richard Lee Billman, age 81, of Roscommon, died July 21, 2012.

Visitation at Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, July 27, followed by graveside services at Pioneer Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association, 526 West Chisholm, Alpena, MI 49707.

Edward M. Lee

Edward M. Lee (Chief Lee) of Owosso, formerly of Grayling, 72 passed away Friday, July 13, 2012 at Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, Saginaw following a lingering illness.

He was born on April 14, 1940 in Jackson, to the late Edward J. and Mary (Dalton) Lee.

He married the former Rebecca Sue LePard on November 16, 1984 in Grayling, she survives him.

He served as a Chief Warrant Officer in the Michigan National Guard / MATES for 40 years at Camp Grayling and active duty in the Army as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the American Legion Post 106, Life Member of the Officers Club, Camp Grayling. He enjoyed sharing his experiences, working with his hands and being with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years and their family, Michelle and Jack Noirt, Linda and Bob Fay, Teresa Wright, Joseph and Tosha Lee, Diane and Jeff Beauchamp, Jan Grouds, Eric and Mari Elliott, Ken and Paula Elliott, Jenny Elliot and Kristin and Robert Sr. Cole - Taylor; several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother, Mark and Ann Lee; three sisters: Maryann Feick, Jane Dick Knokol and Katie and Doug Swartz.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Phil Lee and Jack Lee.

A Celebration of Life service with Military Honors will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the American Legion Post 106 at Grayling.

Family will receive friends at the post from 12 noon until time of services.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Family's Wishes. Arrangements are entrusted to Rivertown Funeral Chapel a Veterans Funeral Care Provider "On Behalf Of a Grateful Nation"

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends and family, to Hartland Hospice, the owners and staff of the Frederic Inn especially Lisa Donker for her help with the memorial. The many acts of kindness, donations, support and messages of sympathy were a great comfort to us.

The family of Pamela (Wheeler) Holzman

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 27 - Lunch - chicken stir fry, rice, asparagus and pineapple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo, Pool - 9 Ball.

Monday, July 30 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and grapes. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, July 31 - Lunch - roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, green beans and orange sections. Dinner - swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and watermelon. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 11 a.m. Clogging, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Aug. 1-8 will be as follows:

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, Aug. 2-8.

The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Aug. 2-8.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Aug. 2-8.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Aug. 2-8.

In addition, the following roads will be closed Aug. 2-11: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; and Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

Military fixed wing activity utilizing the Grayling Army Airfield will increase.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice. Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Card of Thanks

The Grayling Viking Band would like to thank the community for their generous support at our recent Band Day.

A special thank you to Jayetta Eames and Cindy Dikin for their baked goodies.



Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie
989-348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

- Sunday School: 10am
- Sunday Morning Celebration: 11am
- Wednesday Evening Service: 7pm

URI: <http://burningbushtabernacle.com>
Pastor/petria@burningbushtabernacle.com

St. Francis Episcopal Church
The Rev. Elizabeth M. Chace, Rector
6441 West M-72, Grayling, MI
Church office: 989-348-5850
saint_francis@frontier.com
Sunday Worship Services at 9:30am
Wednesday Holy Eucharist 8:30am
followed by Bible Study
Thrift Shop: Tue-Sat (10am-4pm) 989-348-2572
GRACE Center: Mon-Fri (9am-5pm) 989-348-2541

Bear Lake Christian Church
Pastor: Scott Heffer
231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI
(Corner of M-72 & Bear Lake Rd.)
231-258-6107
Sunday Worship - 10am
Sunday School - 9am
Youth Group - Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting - Wed. Evenings 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study - Wed. Evenings 6:45pm
Women's Bible Study - Thurs. 10am & 7pm
Third Saturday of each month:
Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30am - 10am
www.bearlakechristianchurch.org

Excella Community Chapel
Pastor: Sam Smith
8133 Bald Hill Rd. off Co Rd 612
989-348-2701
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Wednesday Evening Worship 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
Sunday School: 9:45am
Morning Worship: 10:30am
Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday: 7pm
Prayer & Awanna Club (Wed): 7pm
989-348-9220
M-72 West, Grayling

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Joe & Marilyn Jean
Sunday Service: 10:30am
Midweek Services (Wed.): 7pm
Mail: 2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738
resurrectionlife.com
E-mail: redlifefellowship@hotmail.com
M-72 West - (989)348-1000

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
905 N. I-75 Business Loop
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Worship Service 11am

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Van Guilder, Rossler engaged



Margaret VanGuilder and Michael Rossler

Margaret (Maggie) Anne Van Guilder of Grayling and Michael Travis Rossler of White Cloud, announce their engagement.

Maggie is the daughter of Anne M. Duby and R. John Duby of Grayling and Barry J. Van Guilder and Natalie Van Guilder of Grayling. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Saginaw Valley State University and a Master's degree in Biology from Central Michigan University. She is employed as an Adjunct Advisor of Biology at Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University.

Michael is the son of Peggy Rossler and L. Timothy Rossler, EdD of White Cloud. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and is attending Michigan State University for a Doctoral degree in Criminal Justice. He is employed as a graduate research assistant at Michigan State University.

They own a beautiful English Coonhound, Abby and two fish. They reside in East Lansing.

Library News

Blast off for some fun and be part of our library float at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Parade. This year's theme showcases Devereaux Memorial Library's 10th Anniversary! Help celebrate with the Grand Marshall (library director Bambi Mansfield) and staff who have prepared some exciting sights and sounds that are out of this world. Permission slip and sign up are required for children ages 6-12 who will be walking with us. Meet in the parking lot at Devereaux on Saturday, July 28 at 1:30 p.m. (parade begins at 3 p.m.) Note: Devereaux Memorial Library will be closed that day due to the festivities. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 to sign up or for additional information.

The Crawford County
Library Literary (C.C.L.L.)
Book Club will meet at

Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 31 at 5 p.m. This month's discussion is on "Full Dark, No Stars" by Stephen King. This event is part of our adult summer reading program, and will be led by book club member Veronica Terrell.

The Genealogy Group meets at Devereaux Memorial Library each Monday from 9 a.m. till noon. Study ancestry and discover your family history with the help of experienced genealogists.

Story Hour every Wednesday at Devereaux Memorial Library at 11:15 a.m. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can experience an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and snacks. Call Miss Connie at 989-348-9214 for more details.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 116 complaints the week of July 16 - July 22.

One natural death, one missing persons, 18 non-criminal complaints, three false alarm activations, one aggravated assault-family-gun, one aggravated assault-other, two burglaries/home invasions, six burglaries-forced entry-residences, six larcenies, one larceny-other, one pass counterfeited-any object, one non-sufficient funds checks, three possessing stolen property complaints, one damage to property complaint, one damage-

throwing stones at traffic, one drug narcotic violations, one false impersonation of a police officer, seven disorderly conduct complaints, three public peace/disorderly complaints, one operating while intoxicated complaint, four portable signal preemption device complaints, 13 health and safety complaints, one off road vehicle violation, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, five traffic accidents, two accidents non-traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, four inspections/investigations-other, eight investigations-family trouble and 15 suspicious situations.

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School chief explains need for bond issue

The Crawford AuSable School District will be having a school election on August 7.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers submitted this question and answer article to the Crawford County Avalanche to explain why and how the school funding proposal would benefit the school district.

What will this election provide?

Schools are very limited in what they can ask their own community for. Schools cannot ask for operational funds. Most of the school's monies are for students, teachers and staff, plus utilities, gas, diesel, books and supplies. All these are considered "operational" funds. Schools cannot ask their communities for operational funds.

However, schools can ask communities for upgrades to facilities and capital purchases such as student technology and buses and boilers. If the communities approve the bond election, these items will be purchased by the bond thus saving the "operational" funds for students and teachers.

Why is this necessary?

The State Legislature greatly reduced K-12 school funding. School funding was shifted by the legislature away from K-12 schools to pay for other parts of the State's budget. Our school lost \$1.2 million dollars last year alone. The State just took the money away. Since 2005, CASD has made over \$8 million dollars of budget reductions. We need our communities to help us now.

What will this save?

This bond issue will definitely save teachers for students, save opportunities for students and allow CASD to continue to provide the best education in the region, as ranked by the State.

A new bus costs close to \$90,000. This represents two teachers. Replacing end of life boilers with high efficient boilers saves energy, money and maintenance costs. Repaving saves the school a tremendous amount of money, as well as increases safety by separating vehicle traffic from bus traffic. By eliminating an office and combining the two elementaries into one school, we save staffing costs and other costs by being more efficient. This also would provide an extremely flexible and usable area for all of the students and parents to come together for the first time. This bond issue would continue to make our schools great.

How will this help students?

By saving money, the Board of Education can continue to offer great programming for our students. The Board can continue to offer the lowest class sizes in the area which leads to a better education. We do not want to be a school with 35 to 40 students in a classroom. Also, we must prepare our students for their world. Today's students must be skilled in the use of technology. Even though we grew up without technology, our students have to be proficient using technology. Our students need to be every day problem solvers to compete in a global society. We want our students to be able to compete with students from China, India and the rest of the world. This bond would allow us to provide student technology for a first-class education.

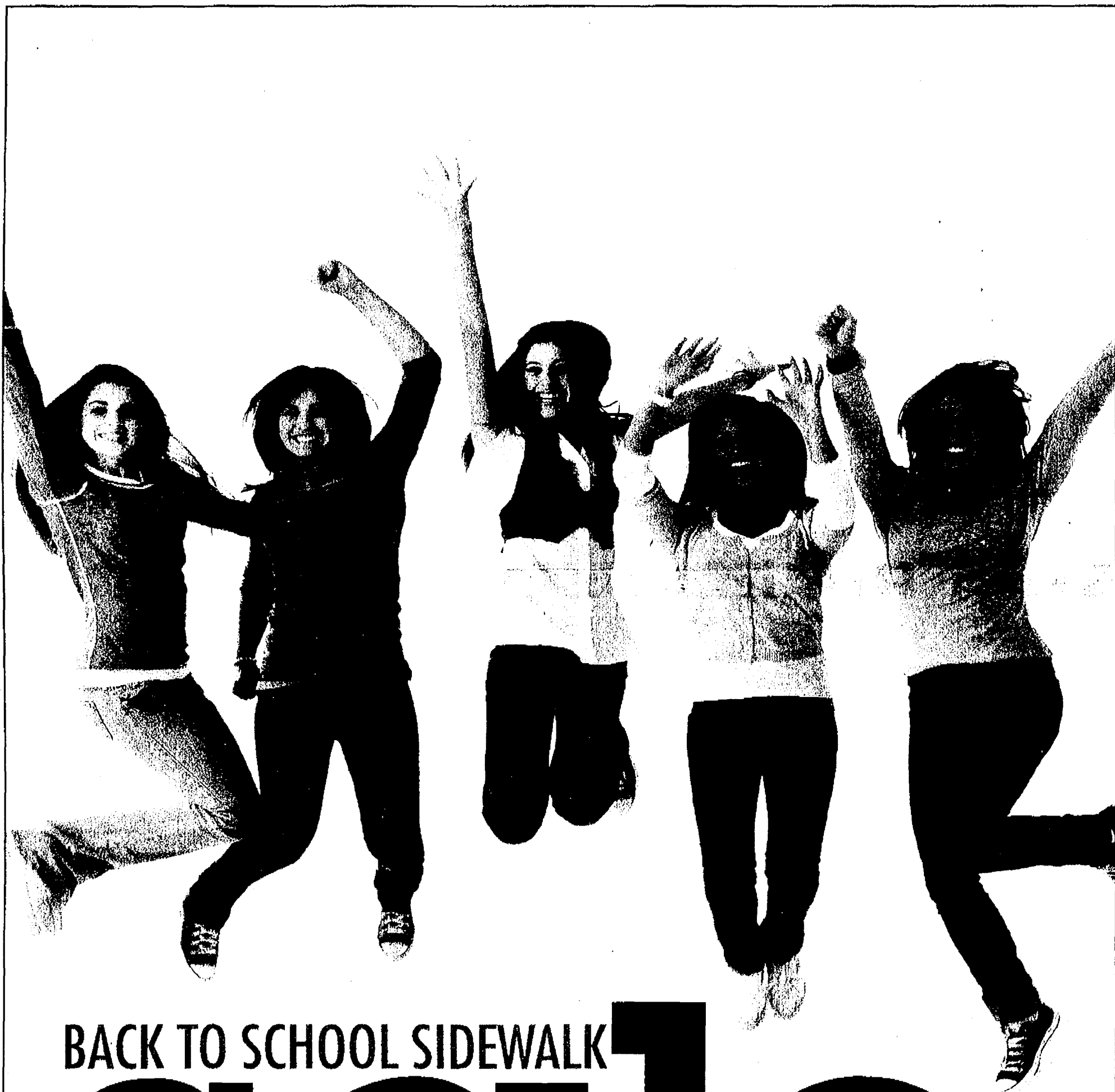
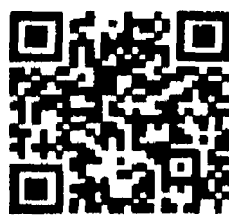
Why is CASD such a great school?

Our most recent ACT scores, which are taken by all juniors in Grayling High School, are another sign of CASD being the top district in the region. GHS students outscored everyone in the region. GHS is in the top ten in the State for ACT improvement over the last three years as noted in the *Detroit Free Press*. GHS students outscored the State and greatly outscored all neighboring schools in the whole region.

GHS was only one of 75 top high schools in the State of Michigan to be recognized as a top performing school. Grayling Middle and Grayling Elementary were two of the top ranked schools in the region. Both schools were recognized as "Beating the Odds" schools that are overachieving as compared with their peer schools across the entire state. CASD had two schools that were "Beating the Odds" schools. Only 12 other districts in the whole state shared this honor. GHS students received a record amount with over \$760,000 dollars in college scholarships. This is over \$7,000 average for each and every student.

What is the cost?

If approved, the millage rate will increase 0.25 mills for four years, and then will drop about 1.0 mill in the 5th year. For a \$100,000 home with a State Equalized Value of \$50,000, the cost would be \$12.50 per year (\$1.04 per month) for four years. In the fifth year, the savings with reduced taxes would be \$50 for the first year. The millage rate would continue to decline. The existing bonds are to be paid off in 2021. If this bond is approved, the bonds will still be paid off in 2021.

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Local figure skaters take part in Summer Chill



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Members from the Alpine Edge Skate Club participated in a figure skating competition, Summer Chill, in Novi on July 14. The following day they all participated in a basic skills camp provided by the U.S. Figure Skating Association. The Alpine Edge Skate Club's home ice is at the Otsego Sports Plex in Gaylord. There are many levels of skaters in this club and they are from Petoskey, Walloon Lake, Gaylord and Grayling. The Alpine Edge Skate Club will host their own skate competition, Crossover to the North, on Saturday, August 25. Above, Anna Tomlinson, 9, of Grayling, Brittlynn Elliot, 6, of Grayling, Madalynn Elliot, 7, of Grayling, Therese Wisniewski, 9, of Gaylord, and Brigitte Waidner, 11, of Grayling, took part in the statewide competition in Novi.

Area Events

Higgins Lake - South Higgins Lake State Park Explorer Guide offers free programs: Thursday, July 26 - Bug in disguise!! @ Camp Host Site 147 - 2 p.m. and Fishing in the Parks @ Boat Launch Pavilion - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Friday, July 27, Games Galore!! @ Camp Host Site 147 - 5 p.m. Campfire Building 101 @ Explorer Guide Tent - 7:30pm: Can you make your own roaring campfire without using gas or oil?? Campfire Social @ Explorer Guide Tent - 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket! Come gather around the campfire for stories, songs, and s'mores!! Saturday, July 28, Capture the Flag - Water Wars @

Camp Host Site 147 - 1 p.m. Fur Feature @ Camp Host Site 147 - 5 p.m. Monday, July 30, REC 101 - Intro to Geocaching @ Marl Lake Parking Lot - 4 p.m. GPS devices will be available for use during this event, but participants are also encouraged to bring smartphones to use a free Geocaching application. Tuesday, July 31 - Fishing in the Parks @ Boat Launch Pavilion - 6:30 pm: Children under 10 must have an adult accompany them - Participants 17 and up must have a valid fishing license. Thursday, Aug. 2 - Rewards for Litter Collectors @ Camp Host Site 147 - 2:30 p.m.: Fishing in the Parks @ Boat Launch Pavilion - 6:30

p.m. Join in for some fishing fun! Learn the basics and see what you can catch! Poles and bait are provided. Survival weekend - Friday, Aug. 3 Stranded! @ Camp Host Site 147 - 3 p.m. Children under 10 may need an adult for assistance. Fire without matches @ Explorer Guide Tent - 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 Survival Kit Craft @ Camp Host Site 147 - 10 a.m. Can you survive? @ Camp Host Site 147 - 2 p.m. For more information on programs contact Explorer Guide Brittany Hnevska at hnevskaB@michigan.gov or call the park at (517) 651-6217. A Recreation Passport is required to enter the park.

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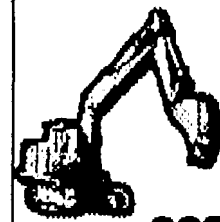
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Black Bear Bicycle Tour slated for Sunday morning

The Black Bear Bicycle Tour, an event that features hundreds of bicyclists riding from Grayling to Oscoda - 100 miles - during the last few hours of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, will start at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 29.

Called a "century ride," the Black Bear Bicycle Tour winds along a 100-mile route through the AuSable River valley. The event starts 11 hours after the beginning of the AuSable Marathon.

Over hills, through national and state forests, and at times in view of the AuSable River, riders can treat the Black Bear as a tour or a race. Some bicyclists finish in under four hours, while for others it can take most of the day.

"Even though the event is not a race, the riders are timed so they can have an official indication of how long it took them to cover the 100-mile route," event organizers said.

Hundreds of cyclists will be lined up in uptown Grayling on Sunday morning for the start of the event. Participants can still register on the day of the event.



Local resident Brock Prater, with his recumbent bike, will be one of hundreds of cyclists participating in the Black Bear Bicycle Tour on Sunday.

Registration starts at 6 a.m.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grayling, food and water stops will be available along the course. The end of the tour allows the riders to watch the canoes of the AuSable Marathon pass the Oscoda Back Bridge next to the AuSable River Store and Oscoda Canoe Rental after turning in their timing chip at Ace Lumber.

The paddlers usually reach Oscoda before the cyclists.

Long time area resident Brock Prater, 35, will be one of the race's participants this year. Frequently seen riding his bike around town, Prater has been training for the "century ride" by bicycling every day. His biking routine at times includes riding to Hartwick Pines and Roscommon.

Going the 100-mile distance will mean a lot for Prater as his only other attempt has been biking in the Special Olympics and one other effort to complete the Black Bear. Having acquired a new recumbent bike, Brock says he thinks he'll make it this time as his bike is "more comfy and faster." Once a resident of the local Adult Foster Care, Prater now resides with

guardian Jacquie Smith, owner of the local 7-11 convenience store, and her family. Smith has encouraged Brock to do what he loves to do - bicycling.

"It is good exercise and it keeps you young," Prater said.

The Black Bear serves as a Grayling Rotary Club fundraiser for service projects that include clean water for developing countries, bicycle helmets for children attending the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo, local economic development programs, and the ongoing effort to eradicate polio world-wide through Rotary International.

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AuSable Marathon to start on Saturday night

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As of Monday, July 23, there were 72 teams signed up for the 2012 AuSable Marathon. Teams can no longer register for the event – the final deadline was Monday – but teams sometimes withdraw during the week leading up to the marathon, so the final number of starting teams will not be known until Saturday night.

The current record for most AuSable Marathon teams was established in 2010, a year in which 94 duos started the race. Ninety paddling teams started the AuSable Marathon in 2011, a few short of another record.

"I think in the next few years we should see another spike in entries back to the 80-90 range," said Ryan Matthews, AuSable Marathon record keeper and member of the Oscoda marathon committee. "It's no secret that the marathon continues to gain popularity every year with both fans and paddlers. I know that the committee members and other volunteers pour our blood, sweat, and tears into making the marathon a premier event in North America. Due to that effort, the marathon continues to lure elite paddlers from all over the country and Canada, as well as those average joes that are looking for an endurance challenge they'll remember and cherish for a lifetime."

Stephen Leppard – he will be competing in the marathon for the third time this year – said what he enjoys about the marathon is the "personal challenge (and) amazing fan support the entire race, from Grayling to Mio to Oscoda to every cabin in between, and pulling into Oscoda after a successful marathon."

Leppard said he loves "racing at night. Colder and great seeing race fans, especially at McMasters and Mio. I first got into (the

race with a friend for the challenge. We keep coming back because every year is a challenge to better yourself."

"I think what brings people back and what keeps new people coming in is the atmosphere," said Austin Weiler, a longtime marathon volunteer who's racing in the event for the first time this year. "The spectators respect the athletes and the athletes appreciate the respect shown by the fans. It is an infectious feeling that people want to be a part of."

"I would say that just the overall challenge of the race itself is what made me want to compete in it," Weiler said. "My favorite part of the marathon is the family-like atmosphere between all the paddlers. We all want to help each other and a lot of us are friends outside of the racing circle."

This year, according to the AuSable Marathon's most recent entry list, 34 of the competitors will be attempting the race for the first time. There were 31 AuSable Marathon rookies last year and approximately two out of three (20 of 31) finished the race. In 2010, a year that featured a record number of overall participants, 26 out of 32 first-time AuSable Marathon competitors reached the finish line. In 2009, the event featured 42 first-timers and 29 of them finished.

In the last three marathons combined, 105 first-timers raced and 74 finished (70 percent).

"I think that the biggest challenge for me will be not knowing how my body will react," Weiler said. "The paddlers that have done this for a while know how they should be feeling and when something doesn't feel right. I have no clue about that. I'm not too worried about the night aspect of the race. I am more worried about how I will feel the next morning."

On the other side, 31 pad-

dlers with at least 10 previous AuSable Marathons are signed up for this year's race. Of those, Al Widing Sr. (with 39), Lynne Witte (with 32), and Bill Torongo (with 27) have the most previous marathons.

"It's been my opinion that the Iron Paddlers – those paddlers with 10-plus marathon finishes in the professional division – deserve more recognition than they receive, as they are a big reason why the marathon continues to be so exciting. These paddlers come back year after year to compete in this great race, and they become familiar faces that marathon fans can recognize and cheer for. It's hard to even fathom what the marathon would be like without the Iron Paddlers," Matthews said.

This year's entry list includes last year's champions, Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie. Triebold and Lajoie have won the AuSable Marathon four times in a row, five total, as a team. Triebold also won the marathon in 2007 with a different partner (Matt Rimer), so his current win streak stands at five.

Matthews said he's been "tracking the progress of Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie as they try to become the winningest professional C-2 team of all-time. Currently, they have 15 team wins, and if they win the next four Triple Crown of Canoe Racing events – this year's marathon and La Classique, and next year's General Clinton and marathon – they will surpass Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin as the winningest team."

Which teams are most likely to present a challenge for the defending champions during this year's AuSable Marathon?

Steve Corlew and Torongo. Corlew and Torongo placed second as a duo in 2010. Corlew also

took second in 2009. Torongo took fourth in 2008 (with Rimer).

Josh Sheldon and Ryan Halstead. Halstead took second last year (with Rod Halstead) and Sheldon took third (with Steve Kolonich). Sheldon took third in 2010 and sixth in 2009. The Halsteads took third in 2008.

Nick Walton and Matt Rudnitsky. Walton finished seventh last year (with Josh Taylor), third in 2010 (with Sheldon), and sixth in 2009 (with Sheldon). Rudnitsky took sixth (with Marc Gillespie) last year, fifth in 2010 (with Lee Barnett), fourth in 2009 (with Gillespie), and fifth in 2008.

Matt Streib and Matt Meersman. Streib finished 11th in 2011 (with Ray Trudgeon) and Meersman placed 16th (with Rebecca Barton, placing first in the mixed division). In 2010, Meersman finished fourth (with Taylor) and Streib placed seventh (with Austin Schwin). Streib took second in 2009 with Corlew. Meersman was sixth in 2008 (with Taylor).

Mike Schlimmer and Ben Schlimmer. The Schlimmers finished fifth last year. They placed ninth in 2010.

This year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon will begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. Teams will carry their canoes, running down Peninsular Avenue, to the river at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the frenetic start of the event. Teams that finish will reach Oscoda between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Not all teams will make it that far. Every year, at least a few competitors fail to reach the finish line for a variety of reasons, including injury, illness, fatigue, equipment failure, or missing mandatory timing cutoffs. Last year, 69 teams out of 90 finished the race.

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Marathon to host meet and greet event Friday

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon will host a meet and greet event on Friday, July 27, at the former Hometown Furniture building (next to Glen's in the Grayling Mini Mall) from 10 a.m. to noon.

The event will give marathon fans an opportunity to speak with competitors in an informal setting and view canoe racing equipment.

Current and former AuSable Marathon com-

petitors are encouraged to attend. Organizers are requesting that current marathon paddlers bring canoes, paddles, and other equipment for display. (Paddlers who bring their boat and stay for at least 30 minutes are eligible for door prizes.)

Organizers are encouraging paddlers to be available for autographs and to share stories of their paddling experiences.

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46th Circuit Trial Court

Sentencings for June 2012

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Tiffany Marie Daniels, age 30 of Waters - Plead guilty on May 7, 2012, to controlled substance delivery less than 50 grams; sentenced on June 4, 2012, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 15 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Jordan Thomas Preece, age 22 of Grayling - Plead guilty on April 23, 2012, to interfere with electronic communications; sentenced on June 4, 2012, to serve 270 days in jail with credit for 86 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Jordan Thomas Preece, age 22 of Grayling - Plead guilty May 7, 2012, to police officer-assault and for a probation violation; sentenced on June 4, 2012, to serve 14 months to 24 months in prison with credit for 93 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$350

attorney fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$61.60 late fee assessment.

Alisha Lynn Webster, age 26 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on May 7, 2012, to controlled substance delivery less than 50 grams; sentenced on June 4, 2012, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 104 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$500 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Hon. John M. Fitzgerald

William Joseph Nielsen, age 21 of Houghton Lake - Plead guilty on May 10, 2012, to malicious destruction of property \$1,000 - \$20,000 and for a probation violation; sentenced on June 7, 2012, to serve 15 days in prison with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$1,040 restitution.

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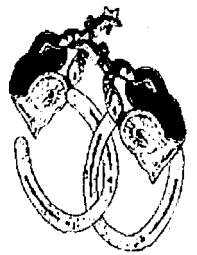
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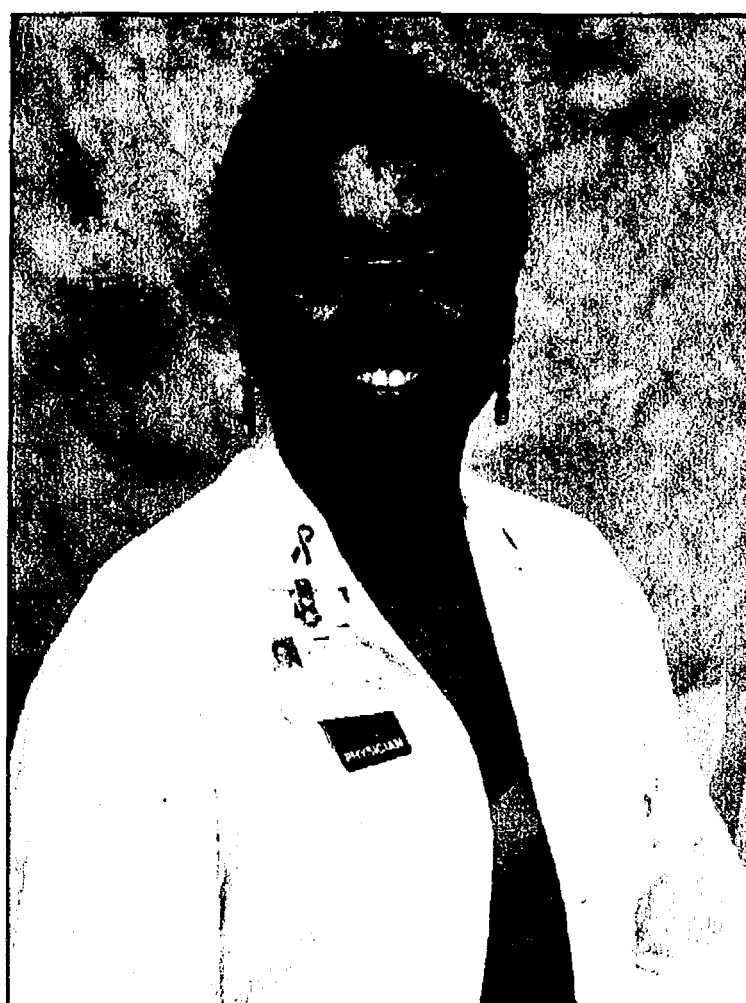
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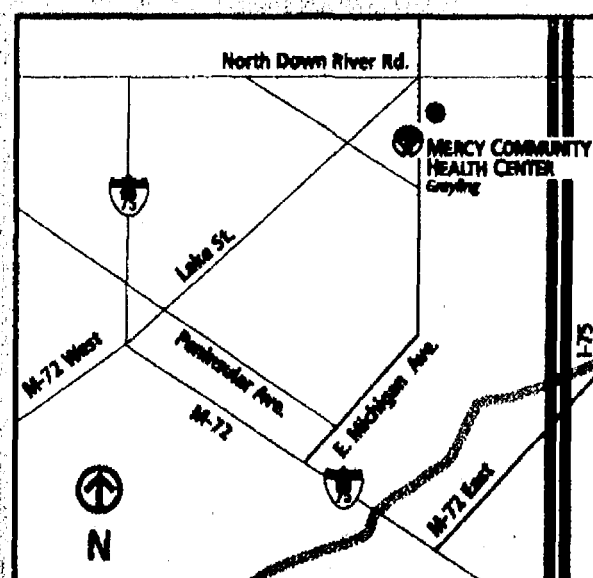
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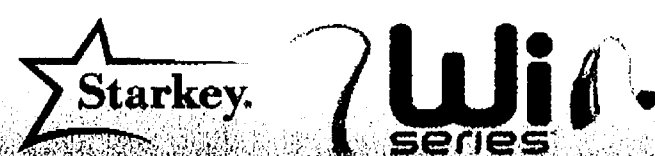
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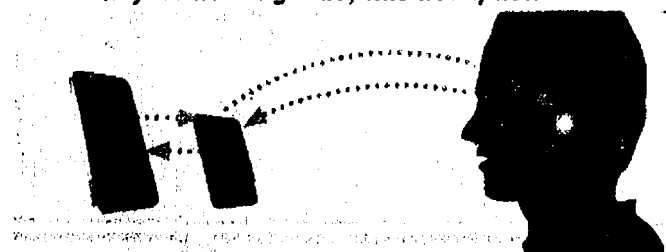
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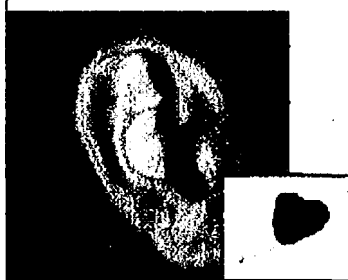


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Grayling teen spending summer selling goods at farmers market

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

As the temperatures continue to top out on the thermometer, Jon Petrie is proving that he can take the heat in the kitchen.

Petrie, age 16, will be a junior at Grayling High School this fall. He is the son of Kay and Dave Petrie.

Instead of carrying canoes, dipping ice cream or flipping burgers for a summer job, Petrie is selling baked goods and custom made jewelry at the Grayling Farmers Market. He was encouraged to use his skills and entrepreneurship by his mother.

"She wanted me to have fun during the summer and didn't want to be flipping burgers and stuff like that so I took it upon myself to do the farmer's market and make a couple extra bucks," Petrie said.

Petrie offers an array of baked goods at the farmers market, which is held on Thursday and Saturday, including breads, sweet breads, sourdough breads, cinnamon rolls, cookies and caramel corn.

Petrie said time in the kitchen is a bonding activity as his family prepares daily meals or for parties.

"Cooking and food always brings my family together," he said.

Petrie is maintaining a garden and will have fresh, homegrown produce at his vendor stand.

"I'm growing a bunch of different stuff so that should be coming in pretty soon," he said.

Petrie is also selling custom made jewelry and items at the farm market. Dave and Jon Petrie make the jewelry and sell it through their website 45 Parallel Recycler.

The father and son team make items such as bracelets, key chains, tooth pick holders and flower vases from silverware from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"We come up with repurposes for items that would usually be thrown away and discarded," Petrie said.

The Petries find the silverware at garage sales or purchase individual pieces online, which can be sold for as high as \$20.

"If you think about it,

they are pretty much worth it because they are made of silver and silver prices have gone up," Petrie said.

The handles of the silverware pieces are cut off, bent and combined to make an item that has detail and depth.

Kay Petrie also sells antiques online, which she finds at garage sales. Last year, the cottage industry business helped provide Christmas for the family, which also includes brothers Josh, Craig, Chris and Nick and sister Elysia.

"Being creative, you can sell them on line and make a couple of extra bucks," Petrie said.

During farm market days, Petrie usually sells all of his baked goods, which brings in between \$100 and \$150. His stand has also brought more attention for jewelry sales.

Petrie spends about 12 hour per day preparing for the farm markets, picks his own berries for his products and buys supplies locally.

"I'm supporting the community as they are supporting me," Petrie said.

Although his peers are making more money, Petrie said his summer has been a blast.

"You want something to do that is enjoyable," he said. "I'm at less than minimum wage right now, but I'm having fun and I'm enjoying what I'm doing."

Beth Hubbard, the farm market manager for the Grayling Farm Market, said Petrie has been a welcome addition to the vendors.

"He is a good kid," Hubbard said. "He is very friendly, he does a good job and he always greets the new vendors when they come in."

Petrie is considering following in the footsteps of his mother, who is a nurse at Mercy Hospital Grayling, for a career. Joining the National Guard or pursuing a career in engineering are other possibilities.

Petrie said he could study the culinary arts, but compromising family time while working as a professional chef is a hassle he does not want to contend with.

"That's one of my worries that I don't want," he said.

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Steve Corlew and Bill Torongo, a team that finished second during Sunday's C-2 race, paddle past Burton's Landing.



Nick Walton and Matt Rudnitsky pass McMasters Bridge, the finish line, on Sunday morning. Walton and Rudnitsky placed seventh.

Defending champs win fifth consecutive Spike's Challenge

70 teams race from Grayling to McMasters Bridge on Sunday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie posted their fifth consecutive victory in the Spike's Challenge C-2 event – a canoe race from the Old AuSable Fly Shop in Grayling to McMasters Bridge – on Sunday, July 22.

Triebold and Lajoie also won the Spike's Challenge as a team in 2003 and 2004. Triebold won the event in 2005 through 2007 with a different partner (Matt Rimer), so this year's victory was his 10th consecutive championship in the C-2 race.

Seventy teams started this year's race, 12 canoes fewer than last year. Participation in the Spike's Challenge had been steadily rising for several years, including record participation numbers in 2009 (79 teams), 2010 (81 teams), and 2011 (82 teams).

The C-2 race generally features many AuSable River Canoe Marathon paddlers and teams. The Spike's Challenge gives spectators and competitors a daytime look at the first part of the AuSable Marathon's race course, including the event's first four checkpoints: Burton's Landing, Stephan Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, and McMasters Bridge. McMasters Bridge serves as the finish line for the Spike's Challenge. Teams usually complete the race in 2.5 to 4 hours.

This year, the winners reached the finish line in 2:40:07. Last year, Triebold and Lajoie posted a first place time of 2:38:26. In 2010, Triebold and Lajoie won the race with a time of 2:39:47. Their winning time in 2009 was 2:39:06 and it was 2:34:56 in 2008.

This year's second place team – Steve Corlew and Bill Torongo – finished in 2:43:03.

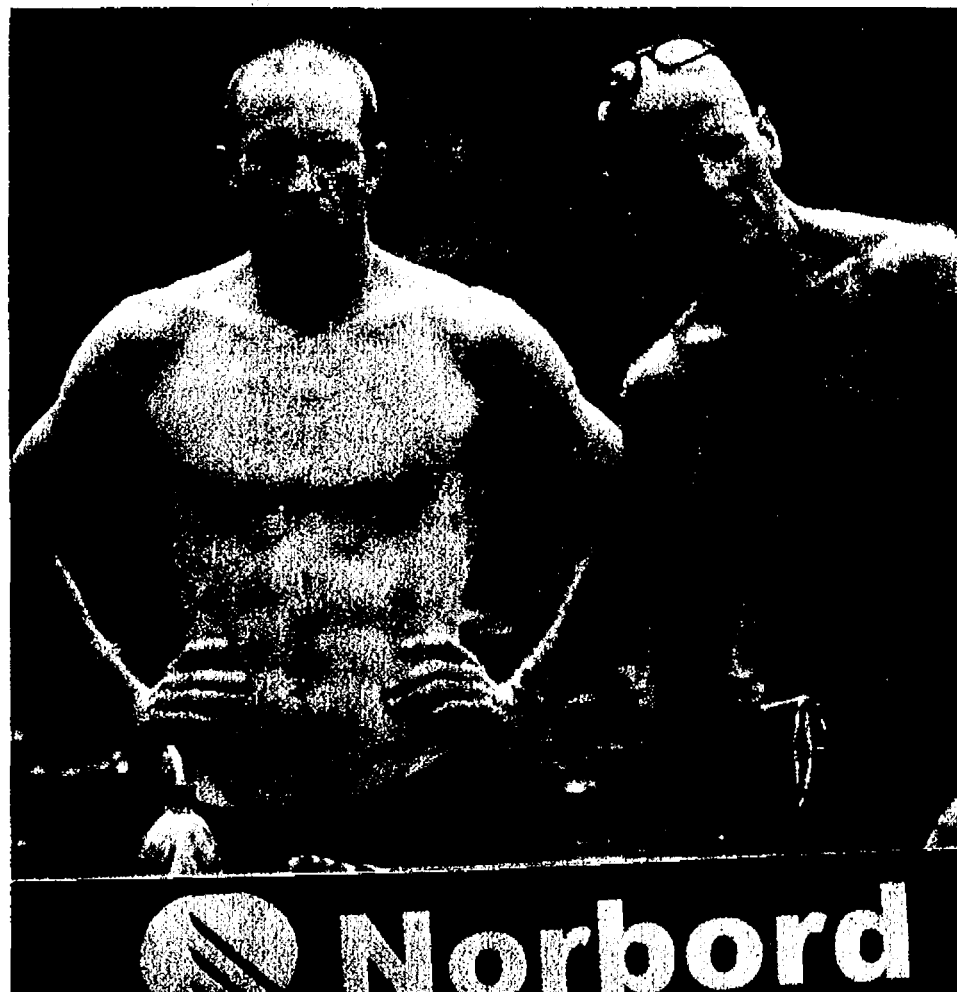
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Spike's Challenge C-2 race teams pile into the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of the race on Sunday morning. Seventy teams started the event this year.



Ted Smutek, who took fifth with Pete Mead, enters the river at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of Sunday's C-2 race.



Steve Lajoie talks with Bill Torongo after Sunday's Spike's Challenge event.



Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, the winners on Sunday, paddle past the crowd at Burton's Landing during the C-2 race.



Calvin Hassel and Matt Rimer, the third place team during this year's Spike's Challenge, approach the finish line at McMasters Bridge.

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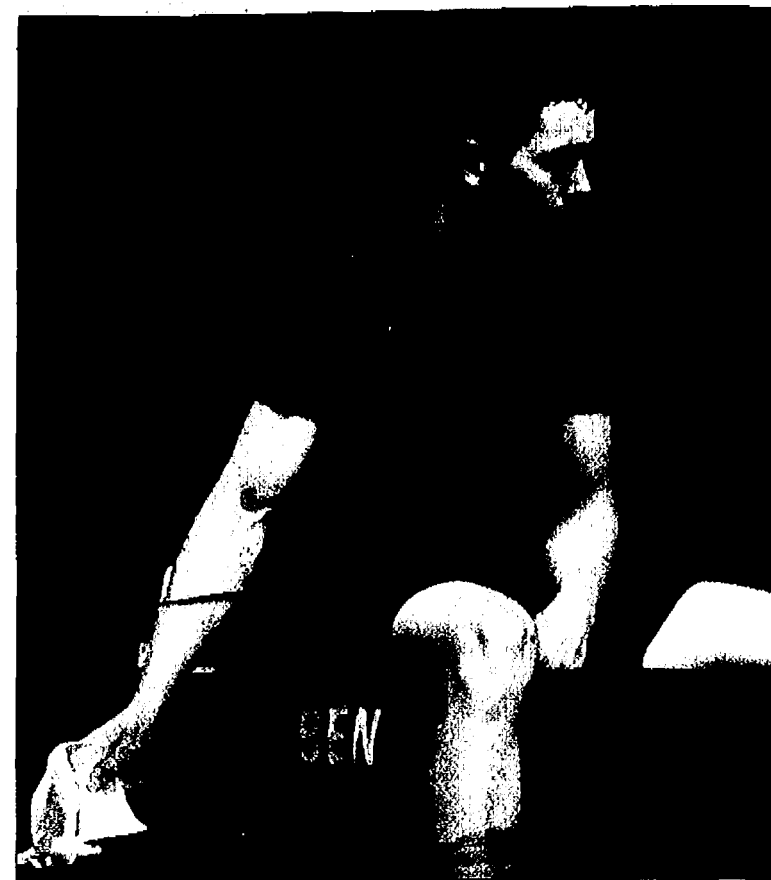
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Jason Hatfield, left, coasts after passing the finish line with partner Colin Hunter on Sunday. Ben Schlimmer, right, dips his hat in the river at McMasters Bridge.



Defending champs win fifth consecutive Spike's Challenge

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Rimer and Calvin Hassel took third with a time of 2:50:49. Jason Hatfield and Colin Hunter finished fourth (2:51:46). Ted Smutek and Pete Mead took fifth (2:53:33). Mike Schlimmer and Ben Schlimmer placed sixth (2:54:48). Nick Walton and Matt Rudnitsky

finished seventh (2:55:30). Mike Davis and Tad Hill took eighth (2:56:09). Mo Harwood and Erich Podjaske finished ninth (2:56:57). Matthew St. Pierre and Samuel Frigon took 10th (2:57:41).

Marc Gillespie and Holly Reynolds finished first in the Mixed Division (14th

overall) with a time of 3:05:03. Bruce Barton and Rebecca Barton were the second place Mixed Division team (17th overall) with a time of 3:09:40.

Randy Allison and Matt Townsend won the Expert II Division with a time of 3:22:30. Nate Tate and Josh Cosek took second in the

Expert II Division (3:27:06).

Complete results of this year's Spike's Challenge C-2 race, including split times and sprint times, are available on the Internet at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official website: www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org.



Mo Harwood splashes his face with water after crossing the finish line with partner Erich Podjaske on Sunday.



Mike Schlimmer and Ben Schlimmer approach Stephan Bridge during Sunday's race.

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Spike's Challenge C-2 Race Results – Sunday, July 22

Expert Division

Paddler	Paddler	Time	Place
Andrew Triebold	Steve Lajoie	2:40:07	01
Bill Torongo	Steve Corlew	2:43:03	02
Matt Rimer	Calvin Hassel	2:50:49	03
Colin Hunter	Jason Hatfield	2:51:46	04
Ted Smutek	Pete Mead	2:53:33	05
Michael Schlimmer	Benedict Schlimmer	2:54:48	06
Nick Walton	Matt Rudnitsky	2:55:30	07
Mike Davis	Tad Hill	2:56:09	08
Erich Podjaske	Mo Harwood	2:56:57	09
Matthew St. Pierre	Samuel Frigon	2:57:41	10
Rick Joy	Russ Reker	3:01:44	11
Mike Bradford	David Phelps	3:02:03	12
Tim Chapple	Pierre-Olivier Quesnel	3:02:04	13
Holly Reynolds	Marc Gillespie	3:05:03	14
Steve Landick	Connor Landick	3:07:49	15
Tim McClure	Fred Mills	3:08:27	16
Bruce Barton	Rebecca Barton	3:09:40	17
Drew Compeau	Skip Conant	3:10:14	18
Mark Ferguson	Eric Ferguson	3:10:52	19
Shawn Spallinger	Rod Matthews	3:11:11	20
Rodney Halstead	Al Widing Jr.	3:13:10	21
Ross Teeple	Austin Weiler	3:13:28	22
Ryan Bennett	Todd Bennett	3:13:55	23
Joe Seifert	Gwen Junker	3:14:33	24
Nate Winkler	Ellen Thompson	3:15:04	25
Jon Thompson	Brian Royce	3:15:05	26
Mary Schlimmer	Theresa Schlimmer	3:15:12	27
Joe Leusby	Darin Lile	3:16:46	28
Joel Mack	Zach Mack	3:17:00	29
Dwight Walker	Joe Somero	3:17:48	30
Karen Febey	Dave Armstrong	3:17:53	31
Emma Ross	Tom Ellsworth	3:19:28	32
Ryan Harris	Robert Smith	3:19:56	33
Weston Willoughby	Isaac VanNuck	3:20:22	34
Chuck Hewitt	Chris Hewitt	3:20:54	35

Paddler	Paddler	Time	Place
Ray Bauer	Thomas Ackemyer	3:21:33	36
Brandon Gerardy	Steve Leppard	3:21:48	37
Fritz Hansen	Jaya Elleson	3:23:13	38
Gareth Stevens	Jan Perrin	3:23:40	39
Dan Stevens	Daniel Medina	3:24:13	40
Jeff DeFeo	Sylvie Nadeau	3:25:00	41
Tom Cannon	Lynne Witte	3:25:23	42
Larry Frederick	Lee Short	3:25:52	43
Joe Pollock	Dale Thompson	3:26:55	44
Hailey McMahon	Al Widing Sr.	3:27:02	45
Laverne Young	Ray Quick	3:27:24	46
Brian Borchers	Jeff Caryl	3:27:47	47
Alec Davis	Roger Henry	3:28:55	48
Spencer Dean	Wes Dean	3:29:31	49
Ted Cramer	Tommy Cramer	3:30:24	50
Walt Harrison	Don Brooks	3:32:11	51
Mike Taylor	Jim Cerva	3:33:13	52
Robert Bradford	Janet Bradford	3:35:22	53
Mike Savoie	Ed Adams	3:35:34	54
Bob Savoie	Joy Emshoff	3:35:47	55
Grant Tally	Rich Lauth	3:37:10	56
Michael Kies	David Kies	3:44:21	57
Dan Irwin	Michael Irwin	4:09:29	58
Jerry Killingbeck	Kyle Stonehouse	DNF	
Frank Smutek	Joey Kimsel	DNF	
Matt Gabriel	Brad Gross	DNF	
C-2 Expert II			
Randy Allison	Matt Townsend	3:22:30	01
Nate Tate	Josh Cosek	3:27:06	02
Bernie Tuszyński	Cheryl Lucey	3:29:09	03
John Solomonson	Kevin Murphy	3:31:14	04
Kent Larsen	William Larsen	3:36:24	05
Kaleb Smith	Frank Taber	3:44:39	06
Brian Krantz	Kristen Krantz	3:46:49	07
Patricia Quinlan	Hank Feldhauser	3:55:52	08
Clayton King	Chris Martin	4:00:06	09



Mike Davis and Tad Hill paddle past Burton's Landing during Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race.



Andrew Triebold approaches the landing at McMasters Bridge after completing Sunday's C-2 race.



Ted Smutek and Pete Mead reach the finish line on Sunday, placing fifth.



Colin Hunter coasts after passing the finish line at McMasters Bridge.

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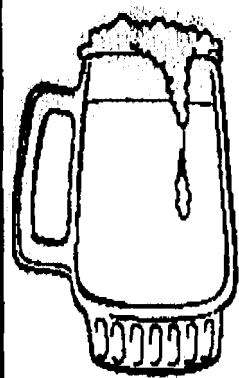
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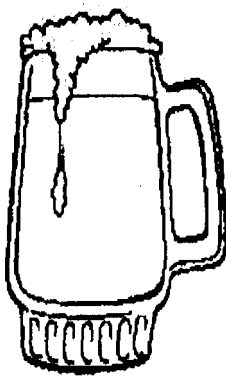
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Tom Cannon and Lynne Witte paddle during Spike's Challenge C-2 sprints for position.

Spike's Challenge winners post top sprint time

9 of top 10 teams at sprints place in C-2 race's top 10

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Spike's Challenge C-2 race's sprints for position – an event during which teams paddle a looped course to determine starting placements for Sunday's race to McMasters Bridge – generally provide a solid forecast of which teams will finish near the top during the C-2 race.

This year, nine of the top 10 teams at sprints also finished in the top 10 during the Spike's Challenge C-2 race.

The sprints were conducted on Saturday at the city park. Teams paddled upstream from the starting area near the pedestrian bridge, went under a railroad bridge, turned around at a buoy near the courthouse, then returned to the starting area paddling downstream, navigating under the railroad bridge a second time. Times ranged

from approximately 4.5 to 6.5 minutes.

Andrew Tricbold and Steve Lajoie, winners of this year's Spike's Challenge C-2 race – an event that runs from the Old AuSable Fly Shop in Grayling to McMasters Bridge – also posted this year's best sprint time at 4:29.2.

Bill Torongo and Steve Corlew took second in the Spike's Challenge and they had the second best sprint time at 4:39.2. Matt Rimer and Calvin Hassel took third place in both the C-2 race and the sprints for position event, posting a sprint time of 4:43.0.

The other six teams to finish in both top ten lists included: Nick Walton and Matt Rudnitsky, fourth at sprints (4:45.8), seventh in the C-2 race; Ted Smutek and Pete Mead, fifth at sprints (4:49.8), fifth in the race; Mike Davis and Tad Hill, sixth at sprints



Jeff DeFeo and Sylvie Nadeau paddle downstream during their sprint on Saturday.

(4:50.5), eighth in the race; Mike Schlummer and Ben Schlummer, seventh at sprints (4:53.5), sixth in the race; Colin Hunter and Jason Hatfield, eighth at sprints (4:54.0), eighth in the race; Erich Podjasko and Mo Harwood, 10th at sprints (5:00.7), ninth in the race.

Complete results of this year's Spike's Challenge sprints for position are available on the Internet at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official website: www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org.



Brandon Gerardy and Steve Leppard paddle during the Spike's Challenge C-2 sprints for starting position event.



Hailey McMahon and Al Widing Sr. approach the railroad bridge during their sprint on Saturday.



Ross Teeple and Austin Weller paddle during the second half of their sprint.

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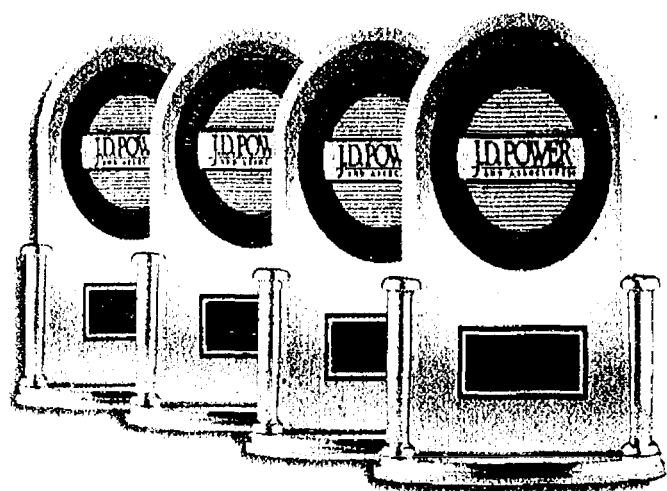
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Andrew Triebold, winner of Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 race, reaches the finish line at Burton's Landing.

64 paddlers compete in Spike's Challenge C-1 race

C-1 participants race from Borchers to Burton's Landing

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Participation numbers are down this year for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and for the Spike's Challenge C-2 race, but the Spike's Challenge C-1 race actually increased its number of participants by 10 from last year's record pace.

The C-1 race grew for the fourth consecutive year. This year's field featured 64 paddlers (54 men and 10 women). Last year's field included 54 paddlers. There were 50 participants in 2010 and 47 competitors in 2009. In 2006 through 2008, the race averaged 38 participants.

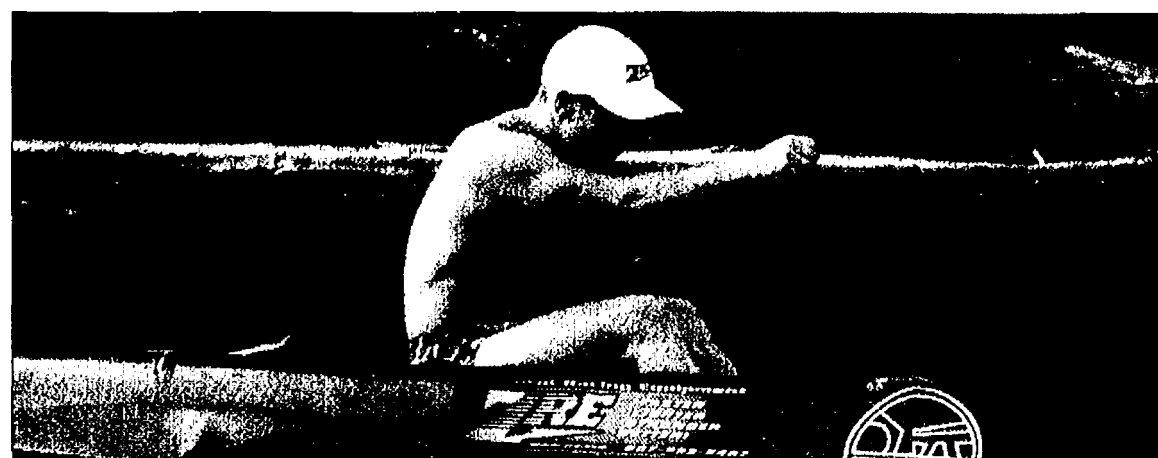
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Connie Cannon passes the crowd at the finish line.



Paddlers from the men's division leave the starting line near Borchers on Saturday night.



Ryan Halstead, second place finisher, reaches Burton's Landing on Saturday.

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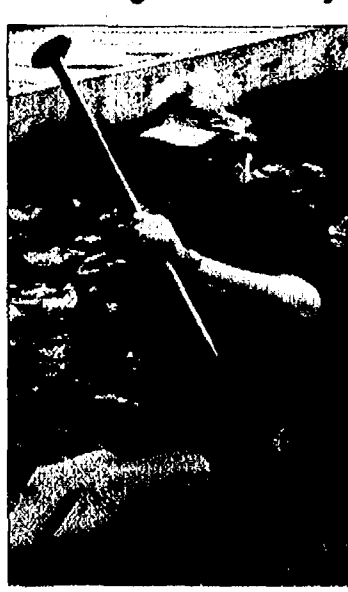
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Roxanne Barton paddles during the start of the C-1 women's division.

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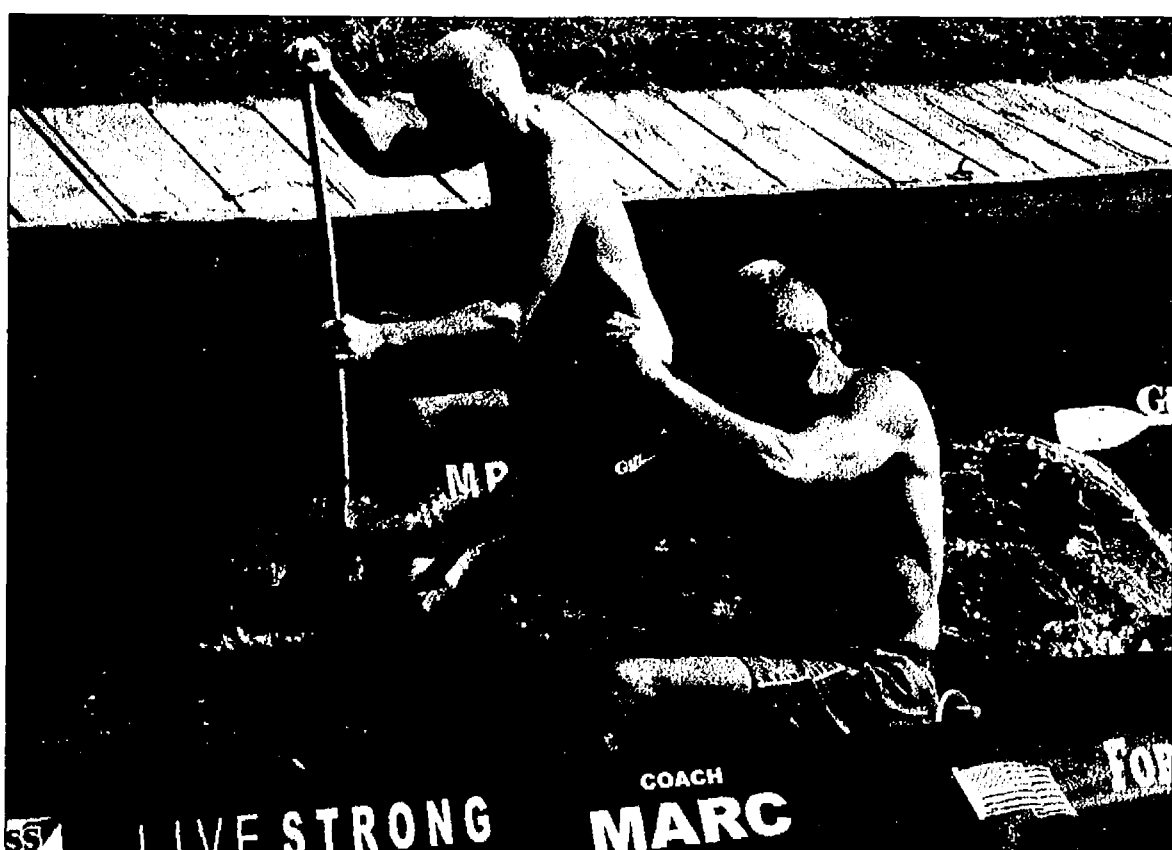
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SPIKE'S CHALLENGE C-1 RACE RESULTS - SATURDAY, JULY 21

Men's Division					
01	Andrew Triebold	0:41:45	33	Bob Spain	0:52:53
02	Ryan Halstead	0:43:23	34	Dan Stevens	0:52:56
03	Josh Sheldon	0:43:25	35	Lee Short	0:53:05
04	Nick Walton	0:43:40	36	Ralph Scolfield	0:53:08
05	Steve Lajoie	0:43:44	37	Todd Bennett	0:53:16
06	John Kasik	0:43:58	38	Casimer Lipinski	0:53:29
07	Calvin Hassel	0:44:42	39	David Kies	0:53:45
08	Marc Gillespie	0:45:06	40	Wes Dean	0:54:13
09	Russ Reker	0:45:11	41	John Solomonson	0:54:22
10	Tim Sheldon	0:45:38	42	Roy Sowersby	0:55:15
11	Matt Gabriel	0:46:20	43	Eric Batway	0:56:31
12	Ben Schlimmer	0:46:26	44	Lauren Chapple	0:56:41
13	Jon Webb	0:46:28	45	Dale Newton	0:57:51
14	Michael Schlimmer	0:46:56	46	Kurt Fritcher	0:58:26
15	Clark Kent	0:46:58	47	Malcolm McDougall	0:58:31
16	Matt Rudnitsky	0:47:53	48	Mike Schmidt	1:00:38
17	Tom Ellsworth	0:48:43	49	Theo Kolka	1:01:04
18	David Armstrong	0:48:47	50	Sabashon Carpenter	1:03:09
19	Larry Frederick	0:49:23	51	David Somero	1:03:52
20	Brian Borchers	0:50:10	52	George Stockman	1:05:20
21	John Hollands	0:50:12	53	Richard Ensley	1:06:35
22	Don Brooks	0:50:23	54	David Bradish	1:08:01
Women's Division					
01	Holly Reynolds	0:47:57			
02	Connie Cannon	0:49:17			
03	Theresa Schlimmer	0:50:36			
04	Jaya Elleson	0:52:51			
05	Roxanne Barton	0:53:08			
06	Emma Ross	0:53:11			
07	Mary Schlimmer	0:53:37			
08	Sarah Webb	0:54:31			
09	Karen Febey	0:54:46			
10	Mandy Streib	0:57:57			



Marc Gillespie and Matt Rudnitsky paddle during the start of the Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday.



Holly Reynolds, winner of the women's division, reaches the finish line near Burton's Landing on Saturday night.

64 paddlers compete in Spike's Challenge C-1 race

Continued from Page 6B the women's division (0:50:36).

Andrew Triebold, who won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race for the 10th consecutive time on Sunday, won the 2012 Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday night, completing the race in 0:41:45.

The C-1 race begins near Borchers AuSable Canoeing and ends at Burton's Landing, with all paddlers finishing in 40 to 70 minutes.

Ryan Halstead finished second with a time of 0:43:23. Josh Sheldon was third at 0:43:25. Nick Walton took fourth (0:43:40) and Steve Lajoie was fifth (0:43:44).

John Kasik took sixth (0:43:58), Calvin Hassel was seventh (0:44:42), Marc Gillespie finished eighth (0:45:06), Russ Reker was ninth (0:45:11), and Tim Sheldon placed 10th (0:45:38).

Holly Reynolds won the women's division with a time of 0:47:57, the 17th best overall time of the event. Connie Cannon took second in the women's division, posting the 20th best overall time of the race at 0:49:17. Theresa Schlimmer finished third in

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicholas T. Harmer, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 2, 2009, and recorded on October 14, 2009 in Liber 697 on Page 735, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven and 32/100 Dollars (\$51,937.32).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 15, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North Section line, 969.18 feet (recorded as 967.55 feet) to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, 352.87 feet (recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said West 1/8 line, South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a 75.00 foot radius curve to the right, said curve having a long chord of North 32 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West, 78.02 feet; thence along said Easterly right of way North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, 124.91 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West 48.91 feet to the North line of said Section 2 and the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO the right of way of May Lake Road over the Northerly portion thereof. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a 24 foot wide ingress and egress easement lying 12 feet on each side of, parallel with, and adjacent to a centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 27

North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North line said section, 969.17 feet to the East line of Chickasaw trail as shown on the plat of, Indian Wood, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records; thence South 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East, along the East line of Chickasaw Trail 170.59 feet to the Point of Beginning of said 24 foot easement; thence 73.43 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet, delta angle of 21 degrees 02 minutes 11 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 44 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds East 73.02 feet; thence 104.76 feet along the arc of a reverse curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 253.22 feet, delta angle of 23 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 42 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 104.01 feet to a point on the East line of Chickasaw Trail and Point of Ending of centerline of said 24 foot Easement the side lines of the described 24 foot wide easement are to be lengthened and shortened as necessary to commence and terminate on the East line of the plat of Chickasaw Trail.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ron Thomson and Rhonda Thomson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2004, and recorded on July 20, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 186, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on November 4, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 294, and modified by Affidavit or Order recorded on March 7, 2006 in Liber 680 on Page 112, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two and 40/100 Dollars (\$223,742.40).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided,

notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 8, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28 and part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 27, and proceeding thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of Section 27, 1329.75 feet to the West 1/8 line; Thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West along West 1/8 line 1930.12 feet; Thence South 69 degrees 52 minutes 13 seconds West 1406.18 feet along the Southerly line of lots 149 through 158 of Plats, of Ausable Woods No. 5, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records; Thence South 27 degrees 26 minutes 11 seconds East 557.00 feet to the point of beginning of land herein described; Thence South 27 degrees 26 minutes 11 East 169.01 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 182 of said Plat of Ausable Woods No. 5; Thence South 52 degrees 56 minutes 49 seconds West 300.00 feet to the Northeasterly corner of Lot 180; Thence North 37 degrees 03 minutes 11 seconds West 437.39 feet to a point in the centerline of an existing Trail Road; Thence North 45 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East along the centerline of said Trail Road 201.48 feet; Thence South 60 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds East and departing from said Trail Road 323.64 feet to the point of beginning. Also the use of and subject to a 66.00 foot Easement for Ingress and Egress whose centerline is the centerline of the existing Trail Road through the West 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 27 and the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 3 West.

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Grayling Country Club News

Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf League

The Grayling Country Club Tuesday Morning Ladies Golf League had a very hot and sunny day of golf for our second week of play of the second half of the season. It sure felt good to get into the clubhouse after game play and have lunch with the air conditioning cool down.

Linda Fouts and Balkis Shippy are holding first place position with 53

points while Wendy Kucharek and Sandy Winkle are trailing in second place with 44.5 points. There were a burst of chip-ins, four in all, JoAnn Michal having one on hole #18 for a par, Linda Fouts making an aggressive shot for a chip-in on hole #14, and one of the McNamara twins, Bev, making two - one on hole #2 and another on hole #12. Bev also earned a skin and won low putts with a 29. Also win-

ning some skins were JoAnn taking two, Linda Marcereau winning one, and Roxanne James taking two. Fran Upton subbed for Katy McNamara (always nice having her join us).

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 15, 2012. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All That Part Of The West 1/2 Of The East 1/2 Of The West 1/2 Of The Southwest 1/4 Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Lying On The North Side Of M-72. Township Of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 8, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the North 1/4 of the South 2/3 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying East of the County Road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tom H. Kirk and Kellie A. Kirk, also known as Kellie A. Mantua-Kirk, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 13, 2003 and recorded March 20, 2003 in Liber 624, Page 247, and Loan Mod Rec 6/16/08 L-692, P-23, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine and 42/100 Dollars (\$192,159.42) including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 08/29/2012 Said premises are

located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 5: Commencing at the South 1/4 post, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, thence North 0 degrees 56 minutes East on Section line 325.4 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes East 257.14 feet for point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes East 250.0 feet; thence North 2 degrees 03 minutes East 440.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes West 250.0 feet; thence South 2 degrees 03 minutes West 440.0 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West.

Together with and subject to a 66 foot private easement described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 post, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, thence North 0 degrees 56 minutes East on Section line 258.8 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes East 755.87 feet; thence North 2 degrees 03 minutes East 66.1 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes West 757.14 feet; thence South 83 degrees 14 minutes West 350.5 feet to the Easterly line of Little John Avenue; thence South 6 degrees 46 minutes East 66.0 feet; thence North 83 degrees 14 minutes East 341.6 feet to the point of beginning. Said easement to be used in common by the parties hereto, their heirs, administrators, and assigns, for ingress, egress and access to adjacent land, and the construction and maintenance of Public utilities.

Parcel 6: commencing at the South 1/4 post, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, thence North 0 degrees 56 minutes East on 1/4 line 325.4 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 56 minutes East on the 1/4 line 1478.3 feet to the Southerly line of MCRR; thence Southeasterly along a Railroad curve, the long chord of which bears South 45 degrees 42 minutes East 152.6 feet; thence South 45 degrees 50 minutes East along the right of way line 568.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West 223.06 feet; thence South 45 degrees 50 minutes East 639.0 feet; thence South 2 degrees 03 minutes West 91.4 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes West 500.0 feet; thence South 2 degrees 03 minutes West 440.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes West 257.14 feet to point of beginning, being part of the South 1/2 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West.

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: July 26, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 200.6103
(07-26)(08-16)

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danielle Weatherly, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2005 and recorded April 4, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 509, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and 79/100 Dollars (\$48,580.79) including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 08/08/2012 Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Parcel 2: Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence South 1 degree 42 minutes West along the North and South 1/4 line, 290.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 1 degree 42 minutes West, 300 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds West, 510.02 feet; thence Northwesterly, 322.50 feet along the arc of a 0 degree 30 minutes 24 seconds curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 11,309.16 feet and a long chord bearing North 21 degrees 04 minutes 05 seconds West, 322.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East, 634.9 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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Dated: July 5, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 650.1440
(07-05)(07-26)

-5-12-19-26

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Fred Shippy, also known as Frederick L. Shippy, Jr., a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC formerly known as GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2007 and recorded November 6, 2007 in Liber 689, Page 198, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four and 61/100 Dollars (\$89,784.61) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on 08/15/2012 Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, Pinecrest Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: July 12, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 703.2329
(07-12)(08-02)

-12-19-26-2

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICEMEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY NOW OR IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Constance A. Johnson, A Married Women to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Finance America, LLC, dba Finam, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 2004, and recorded on June 10, 2004, in Liber 668, Page 937, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of August 6, 2004 Finance America Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty and 30/100 (\$55,540.30) including interest at the rate of 7.64000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on August 8, 2012 Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots numbered Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) of Carrol A. Schvier subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof. Subject to all legal highways, easements, and restrictions of record. Commonly known as: 7219 Myrtle St If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined

abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: July 5, 2012 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of August 6, 2004 Finance America Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, 248-335-9200 Case No. 120M100582-1 (07-05)(07-26)

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by DMV Holdings, LLC of 4544 Lands End, Traverse City, Michigan 49686 as Mortgagor, to BLX Capital, LLC n/k/a Ciena Capital Funding, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 3rd day of January, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of February, 2006, in Liber 679, Page 681, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which mortgage was assigned to BLC Capital Funding, LLC by assignment dated November 15, 2011 and recorded in Liber 707, Page 203 Crawford County Records, which mortgage was further assigned to BLX Conventional Funding Trust II by assignment dated November 15, 2011 and recorded in Liber 707, Page 204 Crawford County Records, which mortgage was further assigned to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee, under that certain Indenture dated March 1, 2006, as the same may be amended from time to time, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee and holders of the Business Loan Express Business Loan-Backed Notes, Series 2006-A, and the Hedge Counterparty, as their interests may appear by assignment dated November 15, 2011 and recorded in Liber 707, Page 205 Crawford County Records, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$1,008,480.41 and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of August, 2012 at 10:00 in the forenoon, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door, main lobby to the County Bldg. in Grayling, Michigan, where the circuit court for the county of Crawford is held, by a sale of the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as

may be necessary to pay the amount due on said Mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.733% per annum as the same may be adjusted from time to time, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows: A parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows: PARCEL A: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West (recorded as Range 2 West), Grayling, Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southwest corner thereof, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes West (along the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 13) 294.45 feet to the centerline of old M-93, thence North 45 degrees 36 minutes East (along said centerline) 658.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 44 degrees 24 minutes West 133 feet; thence S 45 degrees 36 minutes West 112 feet; thence North 44 degrees 24 minutes West 75.65 feet; thence North 78 degrees 21 minutes East 53.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes West 115 feet to the right of way of M-72 and M-93; thence Northeasterly (along said right-of-way on a 2538.3 feet radius curve to the left) 535.5 feet to the Northeasterly right-of-way of old M-93; thence South 44 degrees 24 minutes East 33 feet to the centerline of old M-93; thence South 45 degrees 36 minutes West (along said centerline) 495.4 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 6131 M-72 West Tax ID# 20-040-42-013-01-080-01 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. Dated this 29th day of June, 2012. Mortgagee Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. ROY C. SGROI Sgroi Law Firm, PLC 12845 Farmington Rd., Ste 1 Livonia, MI 48150 (07-12)(08-02) (07-12)(08-02)

-12-19-26-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 12-8066-DE
Estate of Edwin Frank Floeter, deceased Date of birth: 05/30/1925.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edwin Frank Floeter, died 05/31/2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Brenda S. Turner, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 7-11-2012

Attorney name
John P.S. Miller P30879
P.O. Box 287
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-4131

Personal representative
Brenda S. Turner
2951 Lansing Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 821-6073

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Primary Election Notice For Crawford County Residents

Notice of the Primary Election To The Electors Of Crawford County, Michigan To Be Held Tuesday, August 7, 2012 For The Purpose Of Electing the following Republican or Democratic Party Preference Candidates And Voting On County, School and Township Proposals:

1st District Congressman
103rd State Representative
County Wide Offices
County Road Commissioner
County Commissioner
Township Wide Offices
Delegates To The County Convention
County Wide Library Millage Renewal
Frederic Township Fire & Ambulance Renewal Proposal
Maple Forest Emergency Services Renewal Proposal
Crawford AuSable School District Bond Renewal Proposal

The Polls Of Said Election Will Be Open At 7:00 A.M. And Will Remain Open Until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Precincts:

- 1 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8992 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon
- 1 Frederic Twp. 6470 Manistee St. (Community Center), Frederic
- 302, 304, 305, 306 & 307 Grayling Charter Twp., 2090 Viking Way, Grayling
- 1 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic
- 1 Maple Forest Twp. Office, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Grayling
- 1 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon
- 1 Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd, Grayling

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 27, 1989 - Denise Partello, Al Kalkan and Wayne Sands work on a Manistee River project.

23 Years Ago July 27, 1989

A 30 year old Saginaw woman drove her car into the D & S Party Store on McMasters Bridge Road last Sunday, July 23, slightly injuring the two men inside the store. The accident occurred at approximately 5 p.m. when the brakes on the vehicle apparently failed as the woman turned into the parking lot, causing her to collide with the store. Both victims, a 65 year old Grayling man and a 42 year old Lansing man, were taken to Mercy Hospital where they were treated and released.

The Stephan family will hold their reunion on August 5 - 6 at Edgewater on the AuSable, celebrating the 100 years that the family has been in Crawford County.

Mike Gardiner has returned to Grayling after completing an 800 mile bike tour with a group in Iowa.

Local man drowned Monday, July 24, while swimming at Kneff Lake. Witnesses reported finding him at about 6:30 p.m. lying face down in the water approximately 50 feet from the beach area. Rescuers, including four local men, Mike Bendig, Rick Youngs, Bob Clark and Steven Anderson, assisted with the rescue and attempted to revive him while on the beach.

46 Years Ago July 28, 1966

Bob and Evelyn Davis, daughter and son-in-law of the Edward Walkers, have taken over the Highwayman, Grayling's newest restaurant addition,

located next to Gene Spence's Great Northern Texaco.

Grayling City Manager Harold S. Cliff reported to the Avalanche that three new street signs, erected at Grayling street intersections last year, have been destroyed. The signs of cast aluminum, are very durable and it would take a deliberate attempt to for anyone to break one.

Jim Duley, Diane and John, Jim McClain, Jim and Dan, Harold Golnick and Chris and Julie attended the Tigers-Orioles baseball game in Detroit on a recent Saturday.

A fire which started about 11 a.m. Saturday morning in the Michigan National Guard Artillery Range south of Jones Lake burned an estimated 800 acres while traveling east to the Duck Lake area and south to the Bucks Truck Trail. The blaze was finally brought under control through the efforts of the Camp Grayling crew and equipment and the Conservation Department personnel.

On sale this week at Glen's Markets are Oven Fresh cinnamon rolls a 9 oz. package for 33¢, whole frying chicken for 33¢ a pound, Hot House tomatoes are 39¢ per pound and Fisher cashew nuts 89¢ per pound.

69 Years Ago July 29, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long have purchased the late Mrs. George L. Alexander home on Peninsular Avenue from Wilhelm Raabe, executor in the Alexander estate, and on behalf of the Second National Bank of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Long came to this city something over two years ago from Chicago and purchased what was known as the "Little Market" on Cedar Street, where they have since enjoyed a fine and growing patronage. This is one of Grayling's fine homes and no doubt the Long's will find it a comfortable and pleasant place to live.

Jimmy Madill of Frederic came down with scarlet fever Monday.

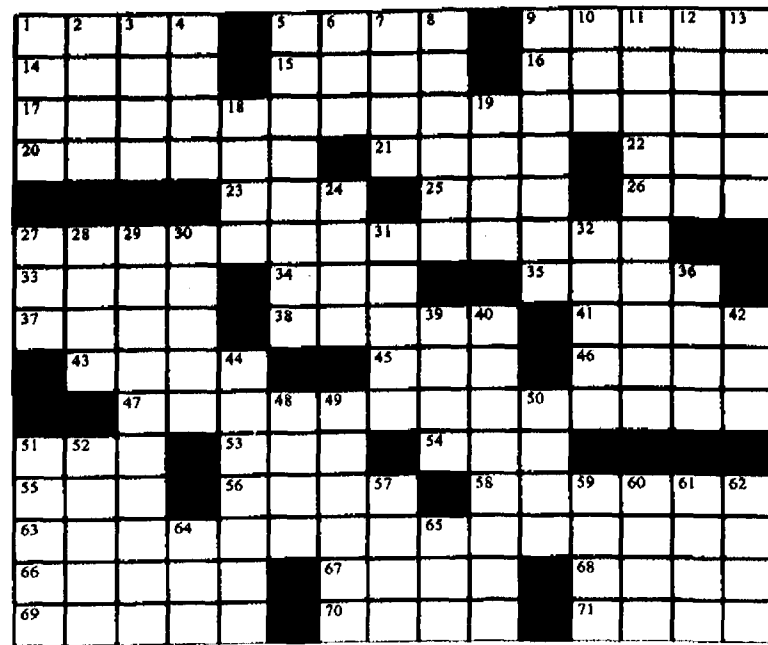
Peter Stephan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan, woke up Saturday morning on his 6th birthday with that party celebration in his mind, until the reflection of his mirror, showed a bad case of mumps.

92 Years Ago July 29, 1920

Jack, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zeder, is ill with typhoid fever.

Dan Hoesli has purchased a Ford truck to use in his business as agent for the Standard Oil company in Crawford County.

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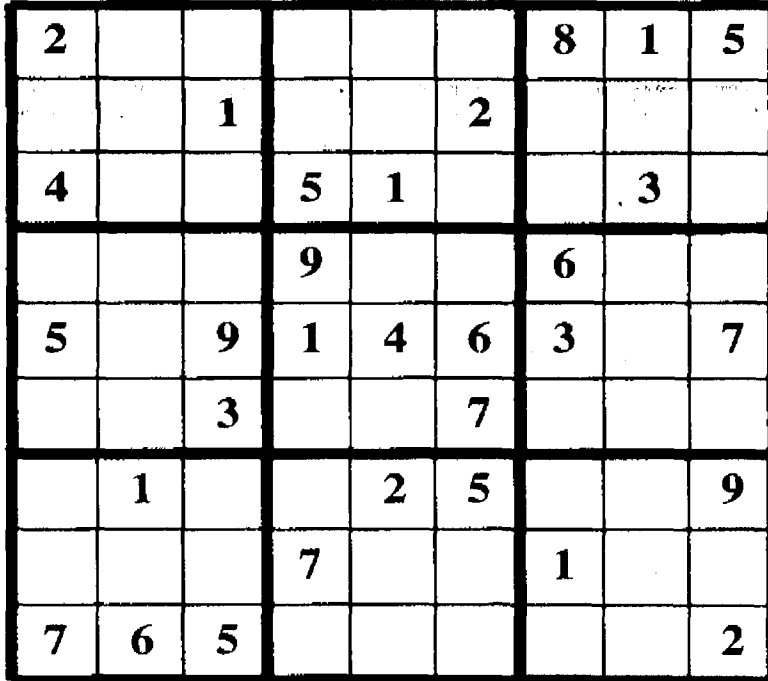
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14. 100%
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16. Beat
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20. Kind of artist
21. Drove
22. "Look here!"
23. Trick taker, often
25. Confederate soldier, for short
26. Kipling's "Gunga ____"
27. Furniture arm coverings
33. Hacienda hand, maybe
34. Not just "a"
35. International organization formed in 1948
37. Bluster
38. Histological stain
41. Indian bread
43. Radial, e.g.
45. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
46. Copter's forerunner
47. Joint defendants
51. ____ de deux
53. A pint, maybe
54. "The Matrix" hero
55. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
56. Caroled
58. On one's back
63. Type of fats
66. Deduce
67. "Beowulf," e.g.
68. Bassoon, e.g.
69. Bait
70. Actor Green of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
71. BBs, e.g.

Down

1. Advance, slangily
2. Band member
3. At one time, at one time
4. Convene
5. Speak in favor of
6. Oolong, for one
7. "@#%!", e.g.
8. Long-jawed pincers
9. Poker tactic
10. Matterhorn, e.g.
11. Spot of blood
12. Inspired poet
13. Susan of "Goldengirl"
18. Be itinerant
19. Assayers' stuff
24. Bounce back, in a way
27. 30-day mo.
28. "Cool!"
29. System of singing
30. Foreword, for short
31. "Belling the Cat" author
32. Cooktop
36. Bakery buy
39. Knowing, as a secret
40. Person without equal
42. Discouraging words
44. Kind of mark
48. Brio
49. Has a hunch
50. Forbidding
51. Small songbird
52. "Home ____"
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65. Little bird

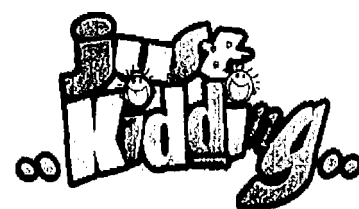
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

Week of July 22, 2012



December 22 - January 19

Dare to dream, Capricorn. This week is all about making things happen. Little goals, big goals—you will see them all through with finesse.



March 21 - April 19

Heads up, Aries. Someone you least expect has big plans in the works, and you'll play a part in making them happen. The foundation is set at work.



June 22 - July 22

Romance hits an all-time high with a trip someplace special. A project is given the go-ahead and the real work begins. Gather the troops, Cancer.



September 23 - October 22

You're not one to get your feathers ruffled, but a young friend takes it a bit too far and you must say what's on your mind, Libra. A chance encounter proves lucrative.



January 20 - February 18

Concerns mount over a senior's situation. Be careful how you approach them, Aquarius. One wrong word could send everything into a tailspin.



April 20 - May 20

Just when you thought things couldn't get any better, they do. Small windfalls and creative bursts give you the freedom to do more. Enjoy, Taurus.



July 23 - August 22

Playing favorites never works, Leo. You're far better off being impartial and allocating the job to someone with the skills to complete it.



October 23 - November 21

Career goals move front and center this week, Scorpio, and you put together a plan. Travel is on the agenda, and it starts sooner than expected.



February 19 - March 20

No more complaints, Pisces. Time to pull up your bootstraps and get crackin'. News from home lightens the load and reveals what really matters.



May 21 - June 21

Full steam ahead, Gemini. You are getting bogged down in the details and progress is seriously lagging. An offer is too good, way too good, to refuse.



August 23 - September 22

Requests multiply by the minute, and you have no choice but to learn the word no. Relax, Virgo. Those that you turn down will understand.



November 22 - December 21

Green efforts pay off big time, providing impetus for more radical moves. An old friend stops by for an insightful chat. Who knew, Sagittarius?

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



SWEET BBQ CHICKEN KABOBS

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups fresh pineapple chunks (1-1/2 inch)
- 1 each red and green pepper, cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup Barbecue Sauce
- 3 Tbsp. frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

Directions:

HEAT grill to medium-high heat.

THREAD chicken alternately with pineapple and peppers onto 8 long wooden skewers, using 2 skewers placed side-by-side for each kabob.

MIX barbecue sauce and juice concentrate; brush half evenly onto kabobs.

GRILL 8 to 10 min. or until chicken is done, turning and brushing occasionally with remaining sauce.

*Note

Soak wooden skewers in water 30 min. before using. Wrap ends with foil before grilling to prevent them from burning. If using metal skewers, use just 1 metal skewer when assembling each kabob.

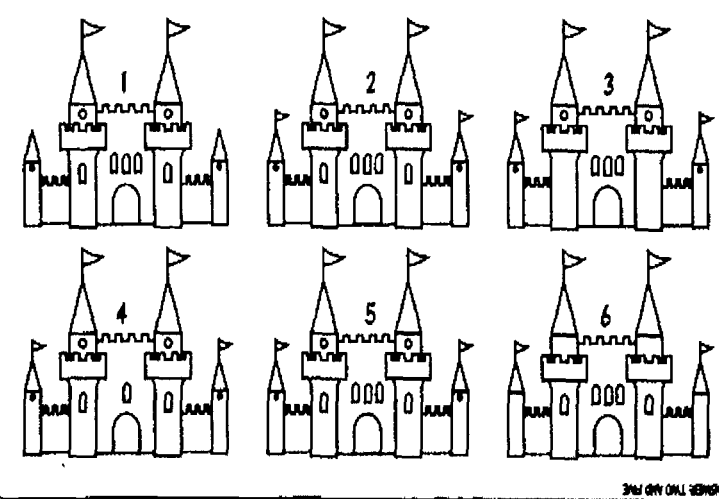
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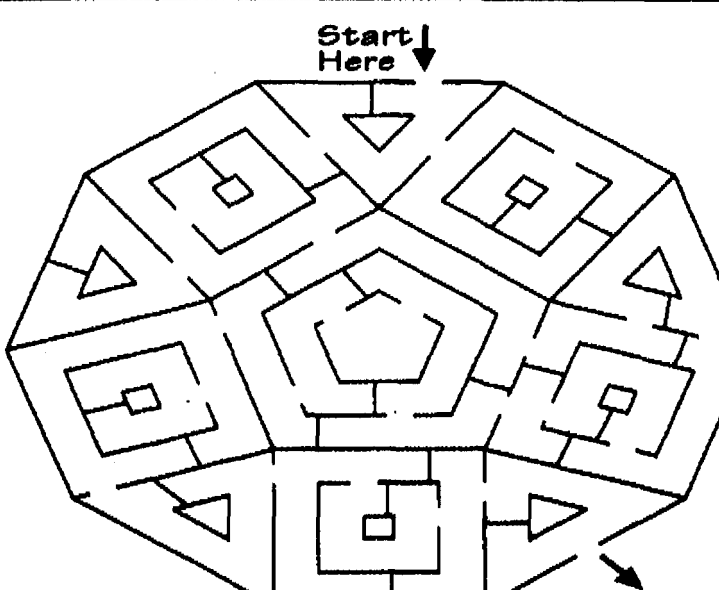
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FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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1. Real Estate

5 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH home in need of repair on 7 acres of prime hunting property with large garage. East off I-75 on M-18, 2 miles from village of Roscommon. \$40,000 OBO, 231-564-2370. (-14-21-28-5-12-19-26/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-713-7500, 586-978-7170. (-2/8/10/11/1)

FREDERIC 3 BEDROOM HOME \$25,000, \$5,000 down, \$450 monthly. North Wood Land Co. Frederic, new 4 bedroom house with garage and pole barn \$129,900. Cash or new mortgage. North Wood Land Co. 989-350-1996, 989-344-6093. (-26-2-9-16/1)

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER, Beaver Creek Ranch, Popular and picturesque 30 acre farm. Just 1 mile North of Higgins Lake. Includes operating boarding kennel, pet cemetery, quality home, 3 large barns, 2 car garage. Great spot to have horses, livestock and gardens \$244,000. Lease option available to qualified buyers. Call Linda @ 517 672-6330 for details. (LR9/7/12/1)

2. For Rent

NICE 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath house with kitchen, dining room, utility room and good size master bedroom. On the AuSable River in Hartwick Pines \$900/month, 248-388-2623. (-26-2/2)

CLEAN, SMALL 2 BEDROOM mobile home near town with small storage shed. \$400 a month plus \$400 deposit plus utilities, 989-390-3980. (-26/2)

1. Real Estate

Century 21
 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
GOOD LUCK PADDLERS!
 Call Pete Kocenas
www.Century21Grayling.com
 989-344-1800
 Grayling

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM RANCH newly remodeled, large garage, non smoking \$695. 348 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, 348-2178. (-7/5/12/11/2)

20 MILES EAST of Grayling. North Downriver and Lovells Road. Three bedroom house with full basement and garage. Located in Warbler's Hideaway Association. Membership included in rent. Full use of all facilities (pool, archery and gun range, club house, access to east and west branch of Big Creek for fishing, kayaking, trout pond (women and children only) and campground. References (no family members) 989 348 4937. (-26/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE with garage, washer/dryer and appliances \$450 plus deposit, no pets 348-2418. (-26-2/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with appliances. \$450 month, no pets. 348-2418. (-12-19-26-2/2)

CLOSE TO TOWN Efficiency cabin. \$375 per month, \$375 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets, 989-915-7650. (-26/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Beauty Shop remodeled and ready. First month free. 6251 W. M-72 West, 1/2 mile from city. 989-348-4716. (-7/12/12/11/2)

2. For Rent

Rentals
 NICE, CLEAN, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home for rent, out of town \$650/month

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Grayling Pines Apartments

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WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

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2. For Rent

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 3 and 4 bedroom townhouse units. Rent based on income with limited rent subsidy. Community room, laundry and play areas. Applications at office or call 275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD#1-800-855-1155. EHO (-19-26-2-8/2)

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/11/2)

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2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM TOTALLY REMODELED home in town. \$600 a month, \$600 security deposit, 989-529-8765. (-19-26/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM utilities paid. \$500 month, \$500 deposit. No pets. Call 989-390-5425 or 989-348-2466. (-7/12/12/11/2)

FOR RENT 1 BEDROOM house, 108 Milltown Ct. \$425/month and security and utilities, 989-430-7497. (-19-26/2)

CONVENIENT IN TOWN 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1 1/2 garage, fenced in back yard. Nonsmoking, no pets. \$675/month plus utilities and deposit. 989-619-5561. (-19-26/2)

THREE BEDROOMS, ONE BATH home with living room and a family room, 9 miles east of Grayling, close to AuSable River, available immediately to nonsmokers. Pets allowed. \$600 a month. First month rent, security deposit and references required. Call 989-390-5668. (-26-2-9/2)

3. Employment

JOBS FOR MEN/WOMEN in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-7-14-21-28-5-12-19-26/3)

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3. Employment

Peer Recovery Supports Coordinator. Full-time. This position is responsible for the development and day-to-day operation of the NMSAS Peer Recovery Supports Program. A Master's Degree in a field related to the duties of the position is strongly preferred. A Bachelor's Degree in a field related to the duties of the position may be considered, as well as, a candidate without a Bachelor's Degree demonstrating strong skill sets and experience relative to this position. Position requires two to five years experience in volunteer or staff supervision and project development and implementation. Strong working knowledge of substance use disorder recovery required. For more information please see position description on our website at www.nmsas.net. Please submit resume by July 31st to susan@nmsas.net or mail to Northern MI Substance Abuse Services, 2090 W. M-32, Suite C, Gaylord, MI 49735.

3. Employment

VACANCY NOTICE

COOR ISD Career & Technical Education Department has potential vacancies in the following part-time teaching positions:

- Marine Technology
- Public Safety
- Automotive Technology
- Computer Graphics
- Cosmetology
- Recreational Engine Technology
- Education Occupations
- Health Occupations

Qualifications:
 • Bachelor Degree, Secondary Teaching Certificate with Vocational Endorsement (The Education Occupations instructor must have a VG endorsement) Or
 • 4000 hours in related field within the last five years and an Associate Degree or Equivalent.

Applicants must send a letter of intent and resume by August 1, 2012 to:

Daniel Beltz, CTC Principal
 COOR ISD
 PO Box 827
 Roscommon, MI 48653

The COOR Intermediate School District gives notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, height, weight, political belief, religious belief, marital status, or disability in the education programs and activities operated by the District, including employment. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: William Wachowiak, Coordinator, Planning Monitoring and Data Collection, and/or Gregory Bush, Director of Planning and Finance: 11051 N. Cut Road, PO Box 827, Roscommon, MI 48653. (989) 275-9555.

3. Employment

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS we have opening on all shifts. 12 or 8 hour positions. We will make every attempt to work around your college schedules. Apply in person at Grayling Nursing and Rehab., 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738 (-19-26/3)

2 CAFETERIA SERVER opening at the Crawford AuSable School District elementary building. This position will be employed through PESG and contracted with the district for 3.5 hours per day on school days only. Qualifications: high school diploma and able to work effectively with school age students. Send application to Melanie Dannenberg, CASD, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Applications will be accepted through August 2, 2011 at 3 p.m. (-19-26/3)

FULL OR PART TIME wrecker driver needed for Grayling area. 24 hour shifts. Must have good driving record and be clean and neat. Call 989-366-8805 for an appointment. (-19-26/3)

HELP WANTED HINTS

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3. Employment

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 Roscommon, MI 48653

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN:
 Kirtland Community College Roscommon, Michigan is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time (20 hour/week) performing arts support technician. For the complete position description and application information, visit our website at <http://www.kirtland.edu/human-resources/jobs-at-kirtland/part-time-performing-arts-center-support-technician>
 Application deadline is August 10, 2012
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ASSOCIATE TEACHER, CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER:
 Kirtland Community College Roscommon, Michigan is seeking qualified applicants for an annual 35 week position as associate teacher in the children's learning center. For the complete position description and application information, visit our website at <http://www.kirtland.edu/human-resources/jobs-at-kirtland/associate-teacher-childrens-learning-center>
 Application deadline is August 10, 2012
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 This description is believed to be correct to our best understanding

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 August 15, 2012 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE:
 Crawford County Courthouse
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 Grayling, MI 49738

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4. Services Offered

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HOMETOWN HEATING COOLING & APPLIANCE repair has same or next day service. Saturday regular rates, also Sunday and after hour emergency available. AC tune-up special going on now. Call now for appointment, 989-348-4252. (-5/3/12/tf/4)

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5. For Sale

RACE CANOE 2007 GILLIES C-2 racing canoe with accessories. Race ready, good condition, 989-619-3346. (-19-26/5)

FOR SALE Set of golf clubs - peach bag \$40. 390-4933. (-26/5)

OAK FIREWOOD cut 16" split delivered green \$75, season \$85, \$100 off ten cord order, 989-348-7046. (-26/5)

FIREWOOD \$60 FACE CORD, 10 cords \$500. Buying all types of firewood, 989-390-3930. (-31-7-14-21-28-5-12-19-26-2/5)

FOR SALE - BURN BARRELS - \$25 with lid or \$35 without. Fick & Sons - 348-7647. (-5/10/12/tf/5)

POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES Spring Special - 24x40x10. Featuring Ultra 2000 with a 45 year warranty. Call for a free estimate 1-800-541-3974. Tom's Pole Buildings, 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison. (-19-3-17-31-14-28-12-26-9-23/5)

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FIREWOOD \$60 FACE CORD, 10 cords \$500. Buying all types of firewood, 989-390-3930. (-7-5-12-19-26-2/5)

5. For Sale

FOR SALE 1944 B. John Deere - great shape with brush hog \$2,750, 989-348-8927. (-26-2/5)

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6. Wanted

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WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul. Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR12/27/12/6)

7. Miscellaneous

REWARD! MISSING BABY BOXER Bella - 5 month old dark brindle. Missing 7-22-12 from our garage in Art Clough subdivision. Please help us find our treasured Bella! Any info, please call Tracie 998-889-0003 or contact Animal Control. (-26/7)

8. Announcements

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7. Miscellaneous

FOUND GRAY KITTEN, very loving, 390-4933. (-26/7)

MISSING BICYCLE - RED FUGI mountain bike stolen in downtown Grayling during the early morning hours on Sunday, July 8. Anyone with any information, please call (989) 348-4601. (-26/7)

8. Announcements

UNITED WAY OFFERS ice cold energy drinks at River Fest. Healthy Energy smoothies, floats and lemonade will be sold at the Crawford County United Way booth in the Food Court on July 28 during the 65th AuSable River Canoe Marathon all-day festival in Grayling. Crawford County United Way will receive proceeds from these delicious, nutritious ice cold treats. There will be many flavors to choose from. Please support the United Way as it supports your community. (-26/8)

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER and gymnasium is available to rent. We offer rooms for weddings, open houses, birthday parties, basketball, volleyball or just open gym time. We have a full kitchen available. We also offer class room space for rent. Contact the Township Supervisor at 989-348-8778, ext. 1 to schedule time. (-12/15/11/tf/8)

DEB'S HOMEMADE GOODIES sold at Flowers by Josie/Thanks a Latte. A special treat for the gourmet lovers - uptown Grayling, 212 Michigan Ave., 348-4006. (-1/5/12/tf/8)

10. Garage Sales

9. Personals

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/tf/8)

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10. Garage Sales

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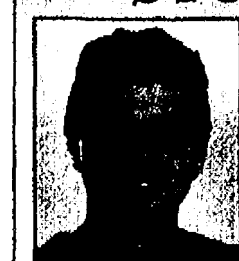
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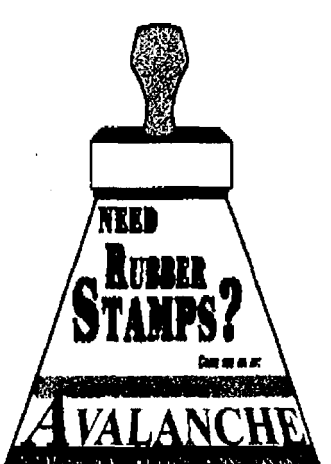
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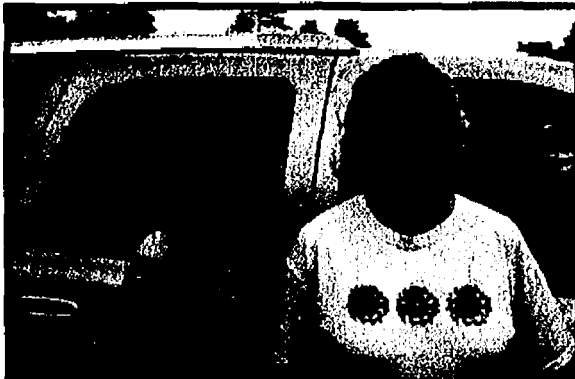
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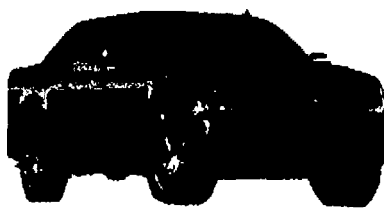
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7/18/12 Week #13 Results
(Division, Name, Score, Place)

Open Division
Wesley Willoughby, 47, 1st

John Sauro, 48, 2nd
Scott Gross, 49, 3rd
Garrett Turrley, 50, 4th
Jesse Odden, 55, 5th
Nick Harper, 56, 6th
Gary Spicer, 58, 7th

Beginner Division
Rex Whitley, 54, 1st
Steven Rathbun, 60, 2nd
Troy Winchel, 65, 3rd

Recreation Division
Cody Odden, 54, 1st
Jon Handy, 54, 1st
Matt Seeley, 55, 3rd
Rich Doe, 57, 4th
Cody Verlinde, 58, 5th
Mark Mikulin, 58, 5th

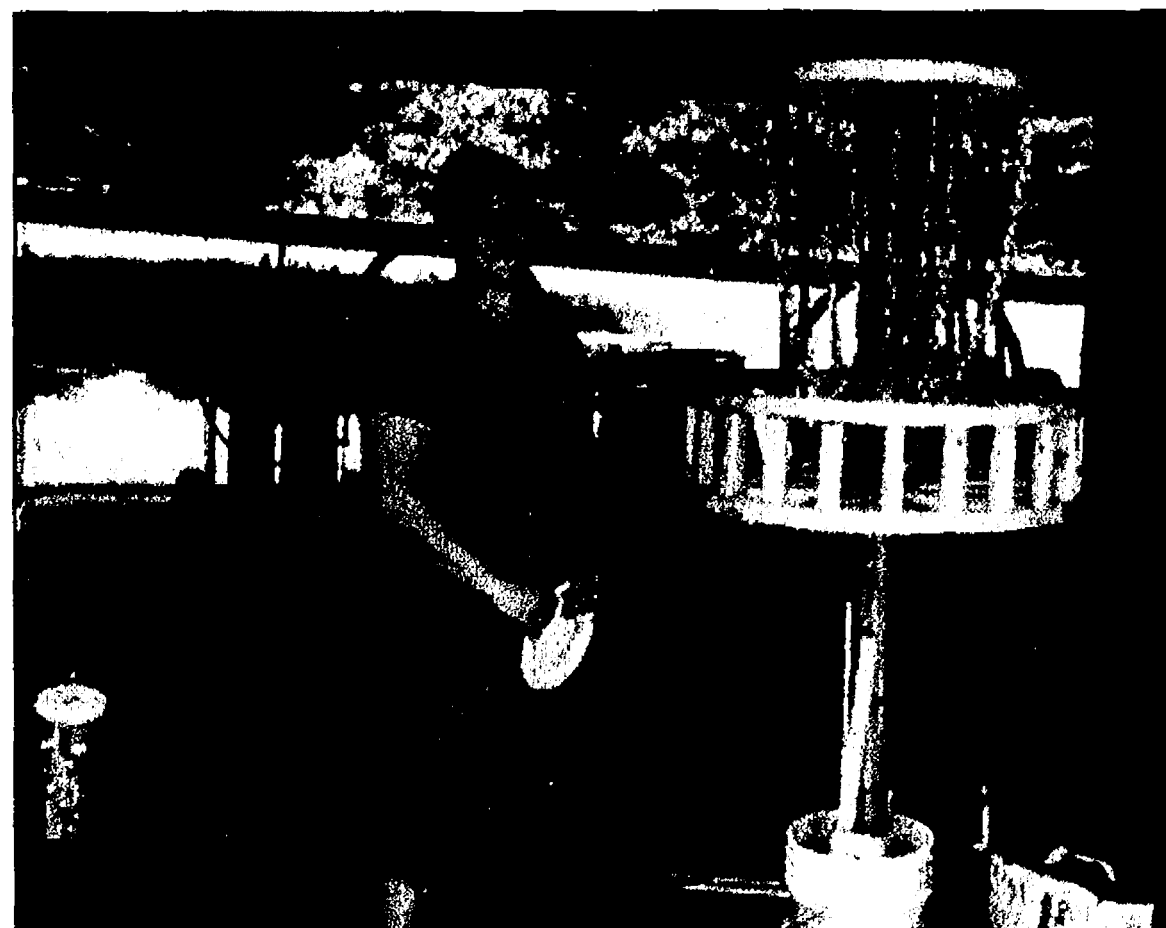
Samantha Wilkerson, 63, 1st
Hannah Hall, 63, 1st
Leanne Whitley, 72, 3rd
* * *

The Hanson Hills Disc Golf Club has raised more than \$1,000 with its Wednesday night leagues to buy materials to build nine custom wood baskets that will be donated to expand the Pine Knoll Course. The Pine Knoll Course is currently nine holes with two tee pads (long and short) at each hole so the course can be played as 18 holes. The new baskets will expand the course to 18 holes with two tee pads (long and short) at each hole, making it possible for the course to be played as 36 holes. Cement pads will be installed later this fall using additional money raised by the Hanson Hills Disc Golf Club and the Grayling Rotary Club.

"We are very excited that

the club has taken pride and has had the initiative to raise funds for the purchase of the materials for the custom wood baskets. (Grayling Recreation Authority) is very fortunate to have a talented maintenance staff that has taken the disc golf basket design to a whole new level. These wood baskets are one of a kind and will bring a unique atmosphere to the course," said Justin Andre, Director of Operations for GRA. "We were also very pleased to have the Grayling Rotary Club reinvest into this expansion."

People interested in playing in the Hanson Hills disc golf leagues can simply show up on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. and register. League information can be found on www.hanson-hills.org or follow the club on Facebook Hanson Hills DGC.



Pictured: Billy Partello, Grayling Recreation Authority Maintenance Director, with a custom wood basket that he designed and manufactured for the Pine Knoll Course.

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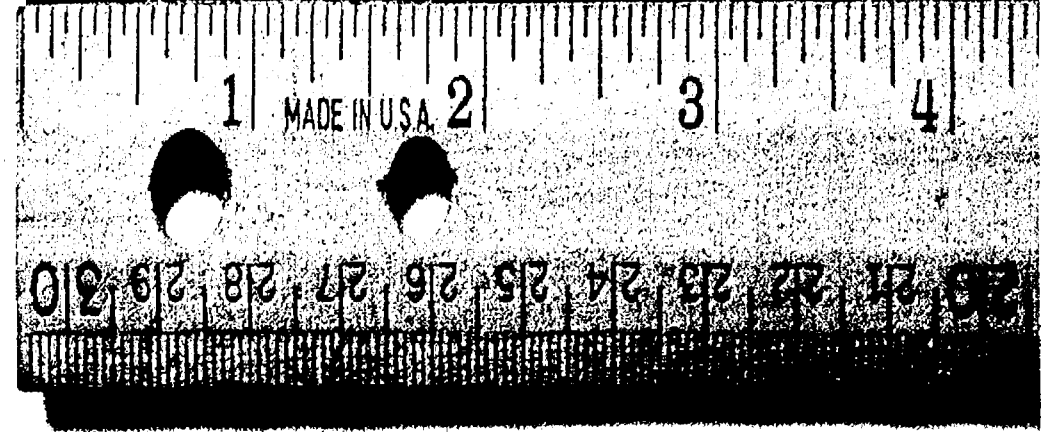


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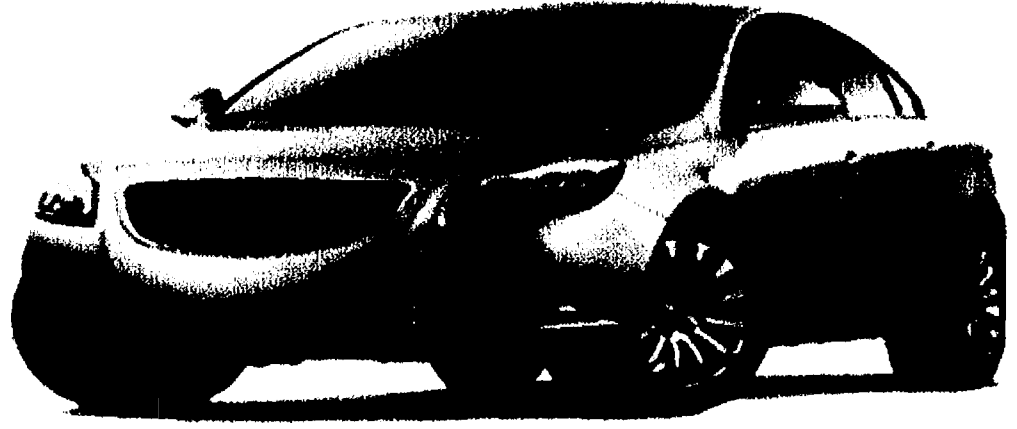
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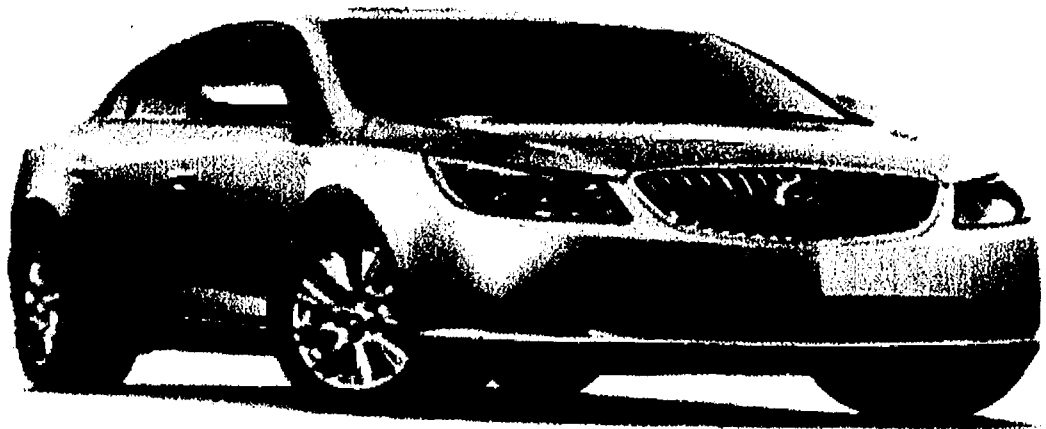
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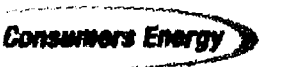
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The Marathon Attracts Top Paddlers from United States, England and Canada

By Ryan Matthews

Top marathon canoe racing paddlers from England, Canada and the U.S. will compete this year in the 65th running of North America's premier marathon canoe race – the AuSable River Canoe Marathon! Presented this year by Consumers Energy, the AuSable River Canoe Marathon is billed as the toughest and richest non-stop canoe race; over sixty teams will compete for a share of more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes!



Race start 2010

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In most canoe racing circles, this race is known simply as "The Marathon," and after experiencing it once, it is easy to see why. Since 1947, the Marathon has built quite a reputation for itself. Pre-race festivities create an atmosphere unlike any other; an energy in the air so enlivening that you can't help but sit on the edge of your seat. The LeMans-style footrace to the river has been called the most exhilarating start of ANY sports event. More than 12,000 people line Peninsular Avenue and the riverbanks in Grayling to eagerly watch and loudly cheer on the teams as they run to the river carrying canoes. Non-stop throughout the night and early morning, an estimated 50,000 or more fans will come to applaud and root for the paddlers at various viewing locations, giving the paddlers both encouragement and a huge adrenaline rush to continue onward down the river. As the teams cross the Finish Line in Oscoda, you can share in each paddler's excitement and relief for having accomplished such a challenging and grueling undertaking. For these reasons and more, the Marathon has become known as the World's Toughest Spectator Race, as perhaps no other race allows its fans to have such direct influence on its athletes. It is an achievement onto itself just to follow the entire race.

This year's Marathon could become one of the most exciting in years, as Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie seek to claim their sixth Marathon Championship together, and fifth in five years. The odds are in their favor, as the duo has swept the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing since 2008, picking up where they left off with a win at this year's General Clinton Canoe Regatta in New York on Memorial Day. However, four teams are expected to be nipping at their heels as they battle their way down the mighty AuSable. Look for Josh Sheldon/Ryan Halstead, Steve Corlew/Bill Torongo, Nick Walton/Matt Rudnitsky, and Matt Streib/Matt Meersman to be in the hunt as the teams close in on the Finish Line in Oscoda.

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8th	\$1,200	28th	\$380
9th	\$1,100	29th	\$350
10th	\$1,000	30th	\$330
11th	\$950	31st	\$320
12th	\$900	32nd	\$310
13th	\$850	33rd	\$300
14th	\$800	34th	\$290
15th	\$750	35th	\$280
16th	\$700	36th	\$270
17th	\$650	37th	\$260
18th	\$630	38th	\$250
19th	\$600	39th	\$240
20th	\$580	40th	\$230

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Over \$8,000 in Finisher Prizes to be awarded to AuSable Marathon Finishers.

The Mixed Division (one female and one male paddler), sponsored by the Oscoda Visitors Bureau, is also shaping up to give fans another close race as it has for the past several years. Thirteen Mixed teams will start the Marathon, but the statistical favorites are Marc Gillespie and Holly Reynolds. Last year, Holly and Gloria Wesley were the Women's Division Champions, setting two Women's Division Point-to-Point records in the process. Marc finished in 6th place in 2011, racing with Matt Rudnitsky. They will face stiff competition from two former Mixed Division Champions: Marathon veteran and 2009 Mixed Division Champion Bruce Barton, and his daughter Rebecca Barton, who won the Mixed Division last year with Matt Meersman. Bruce and Rebecca also raced together in 2010.

Also among the Mixed Division teams is ageless fan-favorite, 87 year-old Al Widing, Sr. of Mio, who is paddling with 21 year-old Hailey McMahon of Grayling. Amazing Al is paddling in his record 40th Marathon, whereas Hailey is paddling her first. Al will be attempting to finish his 33rd Professional Marathon, upon which, would reclaim him as the record holder for most Marathon finishes, breaking the current tie with Rick Joy.

Similarly, Lynne Witte, who is paddling with Kevin Ornatowski, will be attempting to extend three Marathon records. Lynne will start her 33rd consecutive Marathon, which is also her 29th consecutive Professional Marathon, and she will be going after her 18th consecutive finish.

For the first time since 1997, a paddler from "across the pond" in England will be competing in the Marathon. Graham Forrester, from Bradford-on-Avon, will be competing with Susan Morris of New Hampshire. Also competing this year are fourteen out-of-state teams from eleven states, and three Canadian teams from two provinces.

For the Women's Division (both female paddlers), sponsored by St. Joseph Hospital, Mary and Theresa Schlimmer of New York are the only women's team entered this year. Barring a setback, they will become the youngest Women's Division team to ever finish the Marathon.

The Masters Division (both paddlers aged 40+ years), sponsored by Friedman Partners, will feature eight teams racing to claim the bonus cash prize, but the odds-on favorites to claim the division are Clark Kent and Tim Sheldon. Should they falter, the teams to beat would become Jon Thompson/Brian Royce, Walt Harrison/Don Brooks, Graham Forrester/Susan Morris, and Rodger Moak/Jeff Baerlocher.

Returning this year to defend their 2011 Seniors Division (both paddlers aged 50+ years) title are Fred Mills and Tim McClure. They will be defending themselves against the teams of Jon Webb/Yves Cartier, Larry Frederick/Lee Short, Mark Koenig/Fritz Hansen, Kevin Ornatowski/Lynne Witte, and five other Seniors Division teams. The Seniors Division is sponsored by Mercy Hospital.

No Youth Division (both paddlers aged 15-19 years) teams have entered the Marathon this year, but there are ten youth paddlers fearless enough to take on this 120-mile endurance challenge: Eric Ferguson, age 15, from Tawas City; Zach Mack, age 16, from Grayling; Kristen Krantz, age 16, from Traverse City; Samuel Frigon, age 16, from St. Boniface, Quebec; Wesley Dean, age 17, from Grayling; Ryan Bennett, age 17, from Ray; Kyle Stonehouse, age 18, from East Tawas; Daniel Medina, age 18, from Roscommon; Theresa Schlimmer, age 19, from Cortland, New York; and Matt Townsend, age 19, from Grayling. The Youth Division is sponsored by Mercy Hospital.

For the always-hard-to-predict Rookie Division (both paddlers racing their first Marathon), Mathieu St. Pierre and Samuel Frigon, both from Quebec, look to hold off Steve Drew/Jason Gauthier of Massachusetts, Ted Cramer/Tommy Cramer of Iowa, and four other Rookie teams. Historically, the Marathon is not kind to first-time paddlers, as a great number of rookies, no matter the talent level, are not able to finish their first Marathon. In all, a total of twenty-nine paddlers will be competing in their first Marathon.

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon Hall of Fame will be adding two former Marathon Champions into its 7th Hall of Fame class. Being inducted are Ed Wojahn of Tawas and John Baker of Grayling. Ed was Marathon Champion in 1960 and runner-up in both 1959 and 1961. John was a four-time Champion with four different partners, as well as a five-time runner-up. Congratulations to both of them!

Best of luck to Jon Thompson of Lewiston, Don Brooks of Beaverton, and Robert Smith of Roscommon, as all three men attempt to finish their tenth professional Marathon, in turn, earning themselves the Iron Paddler Award. Only sixty-nine paddlers in Marathon history have earned this award. It is considered quite an honor to earn the award, and is an oft-sought-after goal of many paddlers.

Marathon week opens with the Da\$h For Ca\$h at 3:00pm on Tuesday, July 24th; a 64-team bracket-style, single elimination, "drag-race" event held at the Finish Line in Oscoda. Teams sprint two-at-a-time for approx. 1/4 mile throughout the afternoon until a champion is crowned. Last year produced a fun day of racing with lots of exciting photo finishes! This year looks to be more of the same, as the event is now open to the public, and every team that enters will earn a share of a \$5000 cash purse. On July 25th thru 27th are the time trial sprints which are held at Penrod's in Grayling. Teams quickly sprint downstream, turn a buoy, and head back upstream in order to determine their starting position on Peninsular Avenue. Friday from 10am til noon we will be having a new event, a Meet-N-Greet in the old Hometown Furniture Store in the Grayling Mini-Mall.



Al Widing portaging Alcona Dam during the 2011 Marathon.
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01**Sponsor 1: Ramada Inn of Grayling**
Sponsor 2: Savage River Canoes**Paddler #1:** Andrew Triebold

Age: 36 Occupation: Weyerhaeuser Employee

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 11 Best Finish: 1st Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My family has always been involved in canoeing.

Paddler #2: Steve Lajoie

Age: 36 Occupation: Contract Technician

City: Mirabel State/Province: Quebec

Marathons: 10 Best Finish: 1st Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Challenge, competition, family.

02**Sponsor 1: Northland Federal Credit Union**
Sponsor 2: Fick & Sons**Paddler #1:** Josh Sheldon

Age: 30 Occupation: MATES Employee

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 7 Best Finish: 3rd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Grayling raised and my father and uncle paddled.

Paddler #2: Ryan Halstead

Age: 25 Occupation: DPW Worker for City of Grayling

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 9 Best Finish: 2nd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The boys aluminum canoe race at Borchers.

05**Sponsor 1: Stephen Lynn Knives**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Bruce Barton

Age: 55 Occupation: Farmer

City: Homer State/Province: MI

Marathons: 16 Best Finish: 2nd Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: I watched the 1970 race.

Paddler #2: Rebecca Barton

Age: 22 Occupation: Farmer

City: Homer State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 16th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my family paddle.

06**Sponsor 1: Simplicity Employer Services LLC**
Sponsor 2: Troy's Taxidermy**Paddler #1:** Walt Harrison

Age: 53 Occupation: School Teacher

City: Whittemore State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 37th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My sons racing in it.

Paddler #2: Don Brooks

Age: 43 Occupation: Police Officer

City: Beaverton State/Province: MI

Marathons: 11 Best Finish: 9th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching it as a child.

08**Sponsor 1: Moomers Ice Cream**
Sponsor 2: Two Track Inn**Paddler #1:** Ted Smutek

Age: 44 Occupation: Owner of Big Creek Bump and Paint

City: Luzerne State/Province: MI

Marathons: 13 Best Finish: 9th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My father paddling in the Marathon.

Paddler #2: Pete Mead

Age: 31 Occupation: Teacher

City: Traverse City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 12 Best Finish: 8th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon:

09**Sponsor 1: Kirtland Community College**
Sponsor 2: Herb Olson Insurance**Paddler #1:** Hailey McMahon

Age: 21 Occupation: Nursing Student

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Following the Marathon as a kid while my parents feed and the intensity of the sport.

Paddler #2: Al Widing

Age: 87 Occupation: Retired Builder

City: Mio State/Province: MI

Marathons: 39 Best Finish: 2nd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Read about it in the newspaper and the ad stated "canoe race".

10**Sponsor 1:**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Joe Leusby

Age: 28 Occupation: Dean of Students at Woodward Academy

City: Higgins Lake State/Province: MI

Marathons: 5 Best Finish: 33rd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Competition, dedication, and suffering.

Paddler #2: Darin Lile

Age: 28 Occupation: Quality Engineer

City: Macomb State/Province: MI

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 17:52 Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The pain and suffering.

12**Sponsor 1: Hart Ford Lincoln Mercury**
Sponsor 2: Barton Farms**Paddler #1:** Mike Davis

Age: 21 Occupation: Agriculture Specialist

City: Homer State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 14th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Living in Grayling.

Paddler #2: Tad Hill

Age: 34 Occupation: Engineer

City: Livonia State/Province: MI

Marathons: 9 Best Finish: 7th Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: The competition.

13**Sponsor 1:**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Nick Walton

Age: 39 Occupation: Pipefitter

City: Eaton Rapids State/Province: MI

Marathons: 7 Best Finish: 3rd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching it, growing up in Grayling.

Paddler #2: Matt Rudnitsky

Age: 25 Occupation: Electrician

City: East Rochester State/Province: New York

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 4th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon:

14**Sponsor 1: Hail Construction**
Sponsor 2: Northern Listings**Paddler #1:** Steve Corlew

Age: 31 Occupation: Stay at Home Dad & Prosthist

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 5 Best Finish: 2nd Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my dad race the Marathon, as a toddler.

Paddler #2: Bill Torongo

Age: 50 Occupation: Millwright

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 27 Best Finish: 2nd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Fun.

15

Sponsor 1: Barnacke Bills
Sponsor 2: WKJC 104.7 FM

Paddler #1: Jerry Killingbeck

Age: 43 Occupation: Machinist

City: East Tawas State/Province: MI

Marathons: 10 Best Finish: 37th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my cousin Doug Killingbeck race.

Paddler #2: Kyle Stonehouse

Age: 18 Occupation: Bank Teller

City: East Tawas State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 37th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my step dad race/ Matt Rimer and the excitement.

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Sponsor 1: Mount Tully Kennels
Sponsor 2:

Paddler #1: Steve Drew

Age: 46 Occupation: Laborer

City: Orange State/Province: MA

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Friend from Ortonville, MI and friends who have raced it.

Paddler #2: Jason "Paco" Gauthier

Age: 31 Occupation: Truck Driver

City: Athol State/Province: MA

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Wanted to do it for years.

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Sponsor 1: Century 21 of Grayling
Sponsor 2: Forge Racing

Paddler #1: Mary Schlimmer

Age: 21 Occupation: Student

City: Cortland State/Province: NY

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: My 2 brothers have done it 4 times and friends have been encouraging me to do it so I figured. Why not?

Paddler #2: Theresa Schlimmer

Age: 19 Occupation: Student

City: Cortland State/Province: NY

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon:

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Sponsor 1: Superior Automotive
Sponsor 2: Airway Automation

Paddler #1: Ross Teeple

Age: 21 Occupation: US Army, Full time Student

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 58th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Thrill, excitement, endurance racing.

Paddler #2: Austin Weiler

Age: 20 Occupation: Student

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: The challenge and all the great people you get to meet/race with.

20

Sponsor 1: Kate Carlson Massage Therapist
Sponsor 2: Hart Buick GMC

Paddler #1: Clark Kent

Age: 52 Occupation: C.P.A.

City: Lapeer State/Province: MI

Marathons: 15 Best Finish: 5th Most Recent: 2007

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my dad race in the 60's and the challenge of paddling non-stop to Oscoda.

Paddler #2: Tim Sheldon

Age: 47 Occupation: Weapons Specialist

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 12 Best Finish: 9th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching Brett & Butch paddle by my swimming hole as a kid.

21

Sponsor 1: Foremost Insurance
Sponsor 2: Dr's Brausa & Bacik ~ Ankle & Foot Associates of Roscommon

Paddler #1: Brandon Gerardy

Age: 32 Occupation: Physical Therapist

City: Hudsonville State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 63rd Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Challenge of an overnight race.

Paddler #2: Steve Leppard

Age: 37 Occupation: Physical Therapist

City: Portage State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 63rd Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: Overnight racing.

22

Sponsor 1: AuSable Chiropractic Clinic of Mio
Sponsor 2: Mobile Medical Response

Paddler #1: Jason Hatfield

Age: 34 Occupation: Service Technician—DTE Energy

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 6 Best Finish: 8th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Growing up in Grayling.

Paddler #2: Colin Hunter

Age: 31 Occupation: Attorney

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 14 Best Finish: 9th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Growing up on the river and watching the racers go by.

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Sponsor 1: Fay's Motel
Sponsor 2: A1 Synthetics

Paddler #1: Joe Somero

Age: 20 Occupation: Factory Worker

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Someone told me it was fun.

Paddler #2: Dwight Walker

Age: 58 Occupation: Copier Technician

City: Marshall State/Province: MI

Marathons: 16 Best Finish: 14th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The length and night paddling.

29

Sponsor 1: Gilbert's Drugs
Sponsor 2: Gary Oil

Paddler #1: Shawn Spallinger

Age: 34 Occupation: Carpenter

City: Oscoda State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Father-in-law.

Paddler #2: Rod Matthews

Age: 57 Occupation: Auto Mechanic

City: Oscoda State/Province: MI

Marathons: 9 Best Finish: 25th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Competition and watching the finish as a child.

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Sponsor 1: Mike Bradford Construction LLC
Sponsor 2:

Paddler #1: David Phelps

Age: 25 Occupation: Metal Fabricator

City: Lapeer State/Province: MI

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 13th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My grandfather and uncle have been racing since I was born.

Paddler #2: Mike Bradford

Age: 47 Occupation: Carpenter

City: Lapeer State/Province: MI

Marathons: 16 Best Finish: 6th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watched a race in 1981 & started racing right after that.

31**Sponsor 1: Fay's Motel****Sponsor 2: Moore's NAPA Auto Parts****Paddler #1:** Mark Koenig

Age: 54 Occupation: Landscaper

City: Woodstock State/Province: IL

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 41st Most Recent: 2008

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my uncle race against Andy Triebold's grandfather when I was a kid.

Paddler #2: Fritz Hansen

Age: 71 Occupation: Retired Chemist

City: Burlington State/Province: WI

Marathons: 9 Best Finish: 15th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Challenge!!!

33**Sponsor 1:****Sponsor 2:****Paddler #1:** Graham Forrester

Age: 45 Occupation: Director for a Company

City: Bradford State/Province: Avon, England

Marathons: Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: A famous and fantastic race in the USA. It's a great adventure if your English.

Paddler #2: Susan Morris

Age: 54 Occupation: Math and Science Teacher

City: Milton State/Province: NH

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: The adventure.

35**Sponsor 1: Dave's Barber Shop****Sponsor 2: Ken's Tires****Paddler #1:** Rodger Moak

Age: 43 Occupation: UAW Worker

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 55th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Being a spectator.

Paddler #2: Jeff Baerlocher

Age: 45 Occupation: Fitness Instructor

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 5 Best Finish: 38th Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: World Class endurance event. The element of night paddling.

36**Sponsor 1: Fay's Motel****Sponsor 2: Byards Automotive of Omer****Paddler #1:** Eric Dittenber

Age: 34 Occupation: Analyst

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 49th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my cousin Doug Killingbeck race as I was growing up.

Paddler #2: Michael Garon

Age: 54 Occupation: Clinical Engineer

City: Washington State/Province: MI

Marathons: 17 Best Finish: 20th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon:

38**Sponsor 1: Grayling Animal Hospital****Sponsor 2: Bloomquist & Thompson PLLC****Paddler #1:** Dave Armstrong

Age: 63 Occupation: Clinical Research Scientist

City: Silver Spring State/Province: MD

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 39th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: I love being outside and coming to Grayling which is so supportive of the paddlers is fantastic.

Paddler #2: Karen Febey

Age: 38 Occupation: Policy Analyst

City: Rockville State/Province: MD

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 39th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: I grew up in Grayling & was looking for a new athletic challenge.

40**Sponsor 1: Dewey's Automotive****Sponsor 2: Doug Lloyd & Sons Milk & Ice Cream, Livonia****Paddler #1:** Fred Mills

Age: 58 Occupation: Builder

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 15 Best Finish: 12th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My dad, my brother and I camped Grayling to Oscoda when we were little (5 days).

Paddler #2: Tim McClure

Age: 53 Occupation: School Teacher

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 6 Best Finish: 17th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Racing with my son.

41**Sponsor 1: DCS Holdings****Sponsor 2:****Paddler #1:** Spencer Dean

Age: 20 Occupation: Student

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 55th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Living in Grayling

Paddler #2: Wes Dean

Age: 17 Occupation: Student

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 55th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching the Marathon as a kid.

42**Sponsor 1: Northbound Outfitters****Sponsor 2: Jason R Thompson Law Office****Paddler #1:** Jon Thompson

Age: 55 Occupation: Kirtland Community College Instructor

City: Lewiston State/Province: MI

Marathons: 11 Best Finish: 15:46 Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Endurance part of the Marathon.

Paddler #2: Brian Royce

Age: 40 Occupation: Roscommon Middle School Teacher

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 10 Best Finish: 15:55 Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: The night part of the Marathon.

44**Sponsor 1:****Sponsor 2:****Paddler #1:** William Ellsworth

Age: 69 Occupation: Retired Sawmill Owner

City: Orange State/Province: MA

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon:

Paddler #2: Emma Ross

Age: 36 Occupation: Labor Union

City: Orange State/Province: MA

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon:

45**Sponsor 1: R&J Screenprinting & Embroidery - Rose City****Sponsor 2: Alcona Canoe****Paddler #1:** Drew Compau

Age: 20 Occupation: College Student

City: Hale State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 42nd Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching the Marathon a few times.

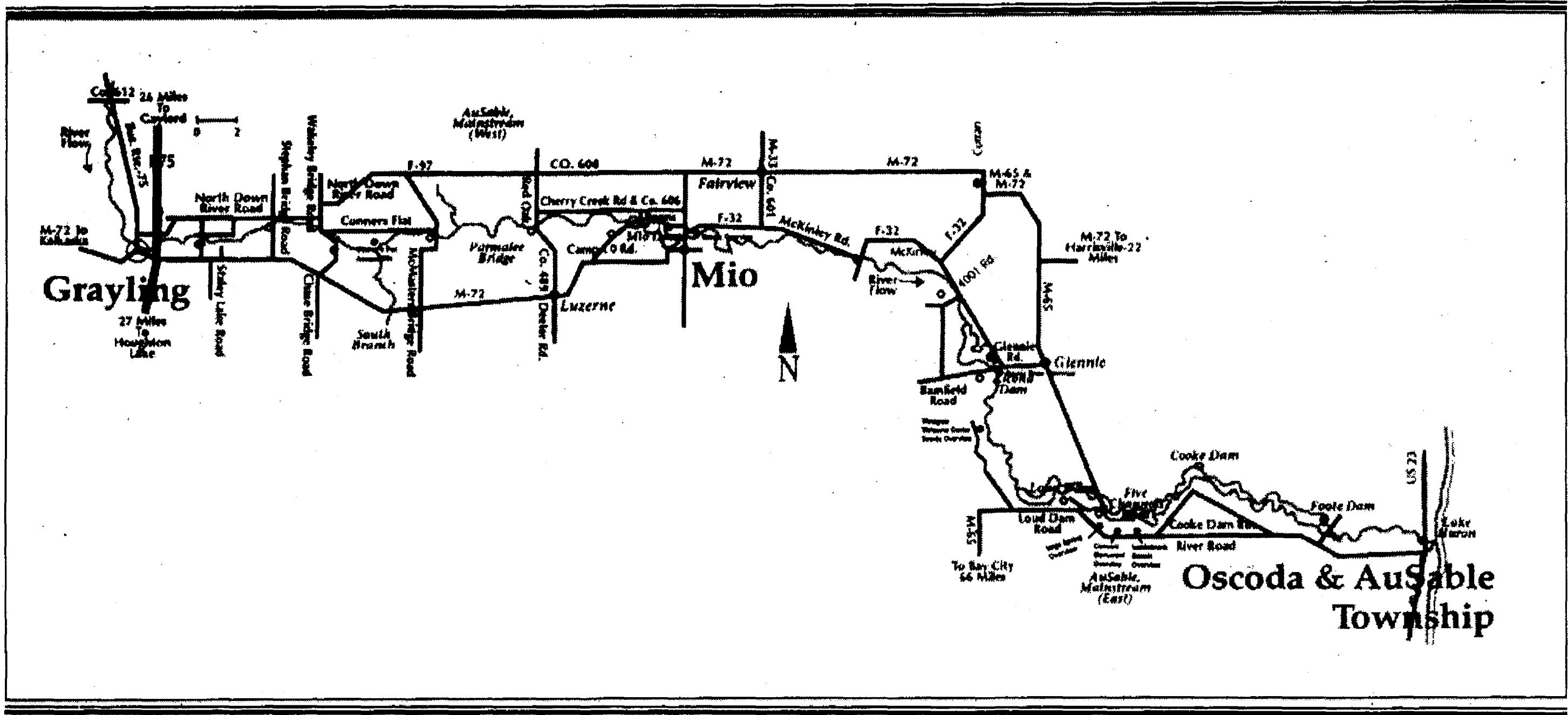
Paddler #2: Skip Conant

Age: 51 Occupation: Engineer

City: Avon State/Province: OH

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 30th Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching the 2005 video of the race.



Leaders Arrival Time (approx) Map Location

1. Burtons Landing 9:40 pm
2. Stephan Bridge 10:15 pm
3. Wakeley Bridge 10:45 pm
4. McMasters Bridge 11:45 pm
5. Paramalee Bridge 12:45 am
6. Camp 10 Bridge 1:55 am
7. Mio Dam 2:15 am
8. McKinley Bridge 4:00 am
9. 4001 Bridge 5:00 am
10. Alcona Dam 5:30 am
11. Loud Dam 7:20 am
12. Five Channels Dam 7:45 am
13. Cooke Dam 8:45 am
14. Foote Dam 10:00 am

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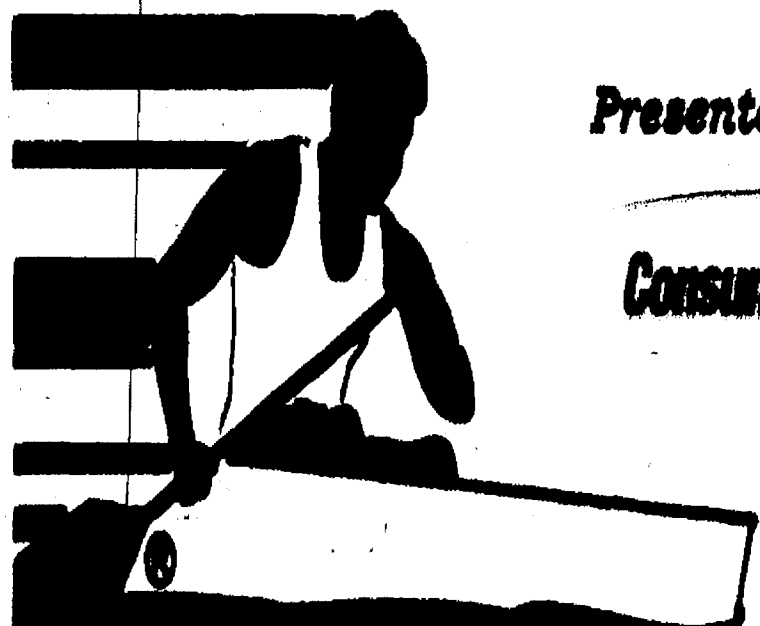
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Oscoda Township Fire Department ~ for support on the ponds and the finish-line.

Oscoda Township Water Rescue ~ for support on the ponds.

Oscoda Township Police Department

Iosco County Road Commission

Oscoda Area First Responders ~ for support at the finish-line.

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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The Sheriff's Departments of Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona & Iosco Counties, Grayling City Police Department, Oscoda Township Police Department, Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the United States Forest Service ~ for all the law enforcement that you have given throughout our 65 years.

All the Volunteers ~ for assistance with the many jobs, including canoe measuring, raffle ticket sales, distribution of program books, distribution of spectator guides, timing, staffing the race offices of Oscoda and Grayling, running the pre-race programs and doing all the other basic tasks that make the Marathon a success.

THANK YOU!

2012 Entry List

(As of July 8, 2012)

Canoe #	Competitor	Canoe #	Competitor	Canoe #	Competitor	Canoe #	Competitor
01	Steve Lajoie	22	Jason Hatfield	49	Joshua Cosek	71	Clayton King
01	Andrew Triebold	22	Colin Hunter	49	Nathan Tate	71	Christopher Martin
02	Josh Sheldon	26	Dale Thompson	50	Joel Mack	75	Casimer (Ed) Lipinski
02	Ryan Halstead	26	Joe Pollock	50	Zach Mack	75	Brian Jacobs
05	Rebecca Barton	27	Joe Somero	53	Daniel Medina	76	Brian Krantz
05	Bruce Barton	27	Dwight Walker	53	Dan Stevens	76	Kristen Krantz
06	Don Brooks	29	Shawn Spallinger	54	Lynne Witte	78	Michael Schlimmer
06	Walt Harrison	29	Rod Matthews	54	Kevin Ornatowski	78	Ben Schlimmer
08	Peter Mead	30	David Phelps	55	Gwen Junker	81	Matt Gabriel Jr.
08	Ted Smutek	30	Mike Bradford	55	Joseph Seifert	81	Brad Gross
09	Al Widing Sr.	31	Fritz Hansen	56	Dick Kloss	83	Samuel Frigon
09	Hailey McMahon	31	Mark Koenig	56	Pierre Pinaro	83	Mathieu St. Pierre
10	Darin Lile	33	Graham Forrester	57	Yves Cartier	84	Ellen Thompson
10	Joe Leusby	33	Susan Morris	57	Jon Webb	84	Nate Winkler
12	Mike Davis	35	Rodger Moak	58	Keith Canny	86	Mike Taylor
12	Tad Hill	35	Jeff Baelocher	58	Greg Zophy	86	Jim Cerva
13	Nick Walton	36	Eric Dittenber	59	Larry Frederick	87	Todd Bennett
13	Matt Rudnitsky	36	Michael Garon	59	Clarence "Lee" Short	87	Ryan Bennett
14	Bill Torongo	38	David Armstrong	60	Roger Henry	90	Ryan Harris
14	Steve Corlew	38	Karen Febey	60	Alec Davis	90	Robert Smith
15	Kyle Stonehouse	40	Tim McClure	61	Chris Hewitt	91	Marc Gillespie
15	Jerry Killingbeck	40	Fred Mills	61	Chuck Hewitt	91	Holly Reynolds
17	Jason "Paco" Gauthier	41	Spencer Dean	63	Matt Meersman	94	Brian Borchert
17	Steve Drew	41	Wes Dean	63	Matt Streib	94	Jeff Caryl
18	Mary Schlimmer	42	Jon Thompson	64	Rich Lauth	95	Rick Gillings
18	Theresa Schlimmer	42	Brian Royce	64	Grant Tally	95	Mindy Elrod
19	Austin Weiler	44	Emma Ross	65	Frank Smutek	97	Lauren Chapple
19	Ross Teeple	44	William Ellsworth	65	Joey Kimsel	97	Malcolm McDougall
20	Clark Kent	45	Drew Compau	67	Eric Lessard	98	Matt Townsend
20	Tim Sheldon	45	Skip Conant	67	Sarah Lessard	98	Randy Allison
21	Brandon Gerard	47	Christina Wilson	70	Tommy Cramer	99	Mark Ferguson
21	Steve Leppard	47	Jeff DeFeo	70	Ted Cramer	99	Eric Ferguson

47**Sponsor 1: Honorable Janet Allen**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Jeff DeFeoAge: 57 Occupation: Home Builder
City: Chester State/Province: MA
Marathons: 12 Best Finish: 34th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: Initially the challenge - now the people of Grayling.**Paddler #2:** Christina WilsonAge: 43 Occupation: Domestic Tyrant
City: Durham State/Province: NH
Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 34th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: The water, the people and the fun.**49****Sponsor 1: Gull Pointe and Huron Beach Apts.**
Sponsor 2: Truly Yours**Paddler #1:** Nate TateAge: 26 Occupation: Production Supervisor
City: Portage State/Province: MI
Marathons: 2 Best Finish: Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: Growing up in Oscoda and watching the finish every year.**Paddler #2:** Joshua CosekAge: 23 Occupation: Respiratory Therapist
City: Portage State/Province: MI
Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A
What attracted you to the Marathon: I grew up in Oscoda, always was a part of the summer town events.**50****Sponsor 1: Mio Saloon**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Joel MackAge: 38 Occupation: Military
City: Grayling State/Province: MI
Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 49th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: Feeding and watching the Marathon.**Paddler #2:** Zach MackAge: 16 Occupation: Student
City: Grayling State/Province: MI
Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 49th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching and helping feed.**53****Sponsor 1: Practical White Tail Strategies.com**
Sponsor 2: Harley Crew Motorcycle Club**Paddler #1:** Dan StevensAge: 25 Occupation: Landscapers
City: Ubyly State/Province: MI
Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A
What attracted you to the Marathon: The love for canoeing and the chance to paddle 120 miles.**Paddler #2:** Dan MedinaAge: 18 Occupation: Sandwich Artist
City: Roscommon State/Province: MI
Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 57th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: The Chicks Dig It!**54****Sponsor 1: Penrod's Canoe Livery**
Sponsor 2: Alcona Canoe Livery**Paddler #1:** Kevin OrnatowskiAge: 54 Occupation: Alcona Canoe Owner
City: Glennie State/Province: MI
Marathons: 4 Best Finish: Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: I own Alcona Canoe Rental in Glennie and have watched the Marathon for years.**Paddler #2:** Lynne WitteAge: 57 Occupation: Teacher
City: Mt Clemens State/Province: MI
Marathons: 32 Best Finish: 4th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: To challenge myself.**55****Sponsor 1: Diesel Freak.com**
Sponsor 2: Main Branch Gallery**Paddler #1:** Joseph SeifertAge: 60 Occupation: Electrician
City: Grayling State/Province: MI
Marathons: 14 Best Finish: 10th Most Recent: 2010
What attracted you to the Marathon: Living on the AuSable and family history.**Paddler #2:** Gwen JunkerAge: 28 Occupation: Truck Driver
City: Grayling State/Province: MI
Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A
What attracted you to the Marathon: Family & I guess I'm slightly crazy.**56****Sponsor 1:**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Dick KlossAge: 70 Occupation: Retired
City: Wallaceburg State/Province: Ontario
Marathons: 8 Best Finish: 16:00 Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: Love of canoeing and wonderful people.**Paddler #2:** Pierre PinardAge: 66 Occupation: Retired Teacher
City: L'Orignal State/Province: Ontario
Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A
What attracted you to the Marathon: Love of canoeing & competition and I have done all the other races many times.**57****Sponsor 1: Alcona Canoes**
Sponsor 2: McAnsh LIFE-ENERGY Institute**Paddler #1:** Jon WebbAge: 52 Occupation: Professional Educator
City: Hubbard Lake State/Province: MI
Marathons: 17 Best Finish: 15th Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: The chills just thinking, about racing the Marathon on the AuSable River.**Paddler #2:** Yves CartierAge: 56 Occupation: Physical Therapist
City: Palm Beach Garden State/Province: FL
Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A
What attracted you to the Marathon: It's great reputation and the Jeff Rankinen video on youtube.**58****Sponsor 1: Fay's Motel**
Sponsor 2: Grayling Restaurant**Paddler #1:** Greg ZophyAge: 55 Occupation: Industrial Automation Sales
City: St. Paul State/Province: MN
Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 80th Most Recent: 2010
What attracted you to the Marathon: Best run race, Great Fans, beautiful river and great food at Grayling Restaurant.**Paddler #2:** Keith CannyAge: 72 Occupation: Retired
City: Andover State/Province: MN
Marathons: 7 Best Finish: Most Recent: 2010
What attracted you to the Marathon: Best Race.**59****Sponsor 1:**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Larry FrederickAge: 62 Occupation: Retired
City: Dunnellon State/Province: FL
Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 42nd Most Recent: 2011
What attracted you to the Marathon: I just love paddling. The challenge of the Marathon.**Paddler #2:** Clarence "Lee" ShortAge: 67 Occupation: Retired Iron Worker
City: Floral City State/Province: FL
Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A
What attracted you to the Marathon: The challenge of it and I Love Paddling.

60**Sponsor 1: Campmor**
Sponsor 2: Burnt Hills Chiropractic**Paddler #1:** Alec Davis

Age: 72 Occupation: Retired Ski Instructor

City: Ballston Lake State/Province: NY

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 45th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: It's easier on the knees than running and the Marathon is one of the top races.

Paddler #2: Roger Henry

Age: 70 Occupation: Retired

City: Rexford State/Province: NY

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 45th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Challenge.

61**Sponsor 1: Renue Physical Therapy**
Sponsor 2: Smith & Booker, PC**Paddler #1:** Chuck Hewitt

Age: 53 Occupation: Attorney

City: Bay City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 12 Best Finish: 19th Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: N/A

Paddler #2: Chris Hewitt

Age: 22 Occupation: Student at MSU

City: Bay City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 6 Best Finish: 40th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching my dad paddle the Marathon.

63**Sponsor 1: Dark Horse Brewing Company**
Sponsor 2: Fluid Fun Canoe & Kayak Sales**Paddler #1:** Mark Streib

Age: 48 Occupation: Business Owner

City: Bristol State/Province: IN

Marathons: 9 Best Finish: 2nd Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The challenge and the unique aspects of the race.

Paddler #2: Matt Meersman

Age: 35 Occupation: Watershed Coordinator

City: South Bend State/Province: IN

Marathons: 7 Best Finish: 4th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Spending time on the water and the competition.

64**Sponsor 1: Dark Timber Long Bows**
Sponsor 2: Lumbermen's Incorporated**Paddler #1:** Rich Lauth

Age: 39 Occupation: CAD Designer

City: Monroe State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Great Outdoors and my hunting buddy!

Paddler #2: Grant Tally

Age: 50 Occupation: Ford Designer

City: Flat Rock State/Province: MI

Marathons: 5 Best Finish: 43rd Most Recent: 2009

What attracted you to the Marathon: Outdoor activities.

65**Sponsor 1: Boat Doctor of Oscoda**
Sponsor 2: American Collision**Paddler #1:** Joey Kimsel

Age: 31 Occupation: Cable Guy

City: Oscoda State/Province: MI

Marathons: 8 Best Finish: 13th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The river.

Paddler #2: Frank Smutek

Age: 78 Occupation: Retired

City: Luzerne State/Province: MI

Marathons: 20 Best Finish: 8th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The length of the race and the all night paddling.

67**Sponsor 1:**
Sponsor 2:**Paddler #1:** Eric Lessard

Age: 32 Occupation: Engineer

City: Trois-Rivières State/Province: Quebec

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: I have been told by all my US canoe friends & watched the youtube videos. It got us very excited about the race.

Paddler #2: Sarah Lessard

Age: 24 Occupation: Physical Education Teacher

City: Les Cedres State/Province: Quebec

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: I was told by friends and watched the youtube videos with my brother and we decided to do the race.

70**Sponsor 1: Pella Windows and Doors**
Sponsor 2: Todd's Beer Cave**Paddler #1:** Ted Cramer

Age: 58 Occupation: Work for Rock River Feed Yard

City: Rock Rapids State/Province: IA

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: I've always wanted to do it and my son Tommy asked me to do it with him.

Paddler #2: Tommy Cramer

Age: 33 Occupation: Work for Pella Windows

City: Rock Rapids State/Province: IA

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: My dad started me racing and it will be a great accomplishment to finish the Marathon.

71**Sponsor 1: Affiliated Researchers of Tawas**
Sponsor 2: Sunrise Small Engine - Oscoda**Paddler #1:** Clinton King

Age: 30 Occupation: Student/Taxidermist

City: Mikado State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Challenge.

Paddler #2: Christopher J. Martin

Age: 28 Occupation: Tech @ Environmental Firm

City: Mikado State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: It's close to home and very famous.

75**Sponsor 1: AuSable Urology**
Sponsor 2: Eddie Sachs Motor Sports**Paddler #1:** Casimir "Ed" Lipinski

Age: 42 Occupation: Hydrologic Technician

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: I don't know really. It's just a really good time out there.

Paddler #2: Brian Jacobs

Age: 45 Occupation: Weyerhaeuser

City: Frederic State/Province: MI

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 56th Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Challenge of night time racing and pushing myself to finish.

76**Sponsor 1: Northern Greenlawn**
Sponsor 2: Traverse City Beach Burns**Paddler #1:** Kristen Krantz

Age: 16 Occupation: Student

City: Traverse City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: My dad racing when I was younger.

Paddler #2: Brian Krantz

Age: 60 Occupation: Owner of Northern Greenlawn

City: Traverse City State/Province: MI

Marathons: Best Finish: 3rd Most Recent: 1994

What attracted you to the Marathon: Camping along the AuSable while going to college.

78

Sponsor 1: Century 21 of Grayling
Sponsor 2: Forge Racing

Paddler #1: Mike Schlimmer

Age: 25 Occupation: Professional Student

City: Cortland State/Province: NY

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 5th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Reputation of the longest, toughest race out there.

Paddler #2: Ben Schlimmer

Age: 23 Occupation: Student

City: Cortland State/Province: NY

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 5th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: A must do event for every marathon paddler.

81

Sponsor 1: Bitter Sweet Cafe
Sponsor 2: SMK Beautification

Paddler #1: Brad Gross

Age: 43 Occupation: Sales Mgr at Schafer Auto Mall aka "Male Dancer"

City: Pinconning State/Province: MI

Marathons: 7 Best Finish: 7th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Family.

Paddler #2: Matt Gabriel

Age: 28 Occupation: Truck Driver

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 18th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching it.

83

Sponsor 1: Servitank
Sponsor 2: Milette Doors

Paddler #1: Mathieu St. Pierre

Age: 24 Occupation: Construction

City: Shawinigan State/Province: Quebec

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Part of the Triple Crown.

Paddler #2: Samuel Frigon

Age: 16 Occupation: Student

City: St Boniface State/Province: Quebec

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Part of the Triple Crown.

84

Sponsor 1: Bloomquist & Thompson PLLC
Sponsor 2: Dr. Michael Winkler, Chiropractor

Paddler #1: Nate Winkler

Age: 540 Occupation: Fish Biologist

City: Traverse City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 10 Best Finish: 16:30 Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Anything I can do in a canoe. I'll do it.

Paddler #2: Ellen Thompson

Age: 55 Occupation: Teacher

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 6 Best Finish: 17:19 Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: It's the coolest endurance race I know.

86

Sponsor 1: Lovell's Riverside Tavern
Sponsor 2: Electricians Local 692 of Bay City

Paddler #1: Mike Taylor

Age: 57 Occupation: Home Inspector

City: Brighton State/Province: MI

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 45th Most Recent: 2010

What attracted you to the Marathon: The Challenge, being outdoors and the love of water.

Paddler #2: Jim Cerva

Age: 50 Occupation: Electrician

City: Milford State/Province: MI

Marathons: 4 Best Finish: 4th Amateur Most Recent: 1984

What attracted you to the Marathon: The thrill of competition! And the commitment it takes.

87

Sponsor 1: TCB Carpentry
Sponsor 2: Bittersweet Cafe

Paddler #1: Todd Bennett

Age: 48 Occupation: Carpenter

City: Ray State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 47th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching the races.

Paddler #2: Ryan Bennett

Age: 17 Occupation: Student

City: Ray State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: 47th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching Brad Gross (my cousin) race.

90

Sponsor 1: The Bicycle Shop
Sponsor 2: Grayling Restaurant

Paddler #1: Ryan Harris

Age: 21 Occupation: Dishwasher/bus boy

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 28th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: All the spectators.

Paddler #2: Robert Smith

Age: 38 Occupation: Owner of The Bicycle Shop

City: Roscommon State/Province: MI

Marathons: 12 Best Finish: 19th Most Recent: 2009

What attracted you to the Marathon: After watching it for 2 years, I fell in Love with it!

91

Sponsor 1: Denholm Family Chiropractic
Sponsor 2: Days Inn of Grayling

Paddler #1: Marc Gillespie

Age: 59 Occupation: Financial Planner

City: Rochester State/Province: NY

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 4th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: It's very hard.

Paddler #2: Holly Reynolds

Age: 32 Occupation: Research Scientist

City: Rochester State/Province: NY

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 15th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: I grew up with it, my dad raced..

94

Sponsor 1: Bar's Products of Holly, MI
Sponsor 2:

Paddler #1: Brian Borchers

Age: 25 Occupation: Student

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 3 Best Finish: 47th Most Recent: 2004

What attracted you to the Marathon: Living in Grayling.

Paddler #2: Jeff Caryl

Age: 59 Occupation: Advertising

City: Holly State/Province: MI

Marathons: 2 Best Finish: 46th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: The thrill of watching the local favorites in the early 1960's.

95

Sponsor 1: Trans Auto Glass of West Branch
Sponsor 2: Swansons Excavating of Skidway Lake

Paddler #1: Rick Gillings

Age: 54 Occupation: Retired

City: Prescott State/Province: MI

Marathons: 10 Best Finish: 14th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My dad and Uncle Bob raced the Marathon.

Paddler #2: Mindy Elrod

Age: 33 Occupation: Housekeeping/Super Mom

City: West Branch State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: DNF Most Recent: 2005

What attracted you to the Marathon: It's fun and relaxing and I'm the 3rd generation to race.

97

Sponsor 1: Lott Tool
Sponsor 2: Cyber Ed. Schools, LLC

Paddler #1: Malcolm McDougall

Age: 61 Occupation: Tool Maker

City: Glennie State/Province: MI

Marathons: 7 Best Finish: 9th Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching the race as a child..

Paddler #2: Lauren Chapple

Age: 65 Occupation: Retired Teacher

City: Interlochen State/Province: MI

Marathons: 1 Best Finish: DNF Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: My son Tim and others, my age and competing.

99

Sponsor 1: Clippers and Cargo Mosaic Designs
Sponsor 2:

Paddler #1: Mark Ferguson

Age: 37 Occupation: Chief of Police

City: Tawas City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: It's a good way to keep my kids out of jail.

Paddler #2: Eric Ferguson

Age: 15 Occupation: Student

City: Tawas City State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching the Marathon as a kid.

98

Sponsor 1: World of Floors
Sponsor 2: The Bicycle Shop

Paddler #1: Matt Townsend

Age: 19 Occupation: Rider at Arctic Glacier

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 0 Best Finish: N/A Most Recent: N/A

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching it my whole life and thought it's be a fun challenge.

Paddler #2: Randy Allison

Age: 39 Occupation: Self - Employed

City: Grayling State/Province: MI

Marathons: 5 Best Finish: DNF Most Recent: 2011

What attracted you to the Marathon: Watching it and I enjoy paddling.

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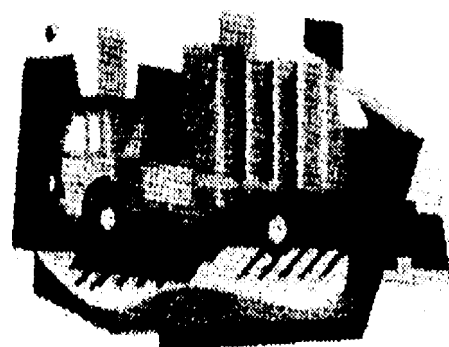
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This article was based on entries as of July 6th 2012. The final cut off date is July 23rd.

The Completely equipped spectator will have...

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| • full tank of gas | • Binoculars | • Alarm clock |
| • 65th Marathon Program Book & Spectator Guide (for racer & course information) | • Insect Repellent | • Cell phone |
| • Paper and pencils with erasers | • Sun screen | • Flashlights & batteries |
| • AuSable Valley River Paddle, Pedal & Camp Map | • First aid kit | • Rain gear, extra cool & warm weather clothes |
| • Water | • Sunglasses | • Cap or hat with visor |
| • Lawn Chair | • Toilet paper | • Battery powered radio or ipod |
| • Blankets | • Washcloth (frozen wet in a plastic bag) & soap | • Cooler with snacks, water & other non-alcoholic beverages |
| • Blanket | • Toothpaste & brush | • Thermos of hot coffee or hot chocolate |
| | • Litter bag | |
| | • Pre-moistened towelettes | |
| | • Camera & batteries | |

A Recreation Pass is required on all vehicles entering the following river access sites: 4001 Bridge and Whirlpool Boat Landings, and Au Sable Loop and Gabions Campgrounds.

Day passes are available at the self-service fee stations at each site where required and at Alcona Canoe Rental during regular business hours.

Passes are also available at all Forest Service Offices including the Mio and Huron Shores Ranger Stations, and Lumberman's Monument from 8:00 am to 4:30 am, Mondays through Fridays.

Passes are \$5.00 (daily), \$15.00 (weekly) and \$30.00 (annually)

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"Discover the Forest"

In an effort to motivate Hispanic families to get outside more often and reconnect with nature, the Forest Service and the Ad Council and the U.S. Forest Service have launched the *Descubre el Bosque* public service advertising campaign, an extension of the popular English-language *Discover the Forest* campaign started in 2009. The aim of this campaign is to increase Hispanic visits to the nation's forests and grasslands, as well as to help develop a love of nature and an understanding of their role in protecting it.



Please support the AuSable Canoe Marathon by purchasing Official AuSable River Canoe Marathon Merchandise.

The Merchandise is available at the race office in the Grayling Mini Mall and beginning July 16th at our store front, located down the block from J Dap on Michigan Avenue. The proceeds from these sales help to support the Marathon.

T-shirts \$20, Sweatshirts \$35, Tank-tops \$ 18, shorts \$ 15, hats \$15, maps \$15, The Tradition Endures Book (soft cover) \$30, Mugs \$5



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Crawford County - Stephan, Wakeley, and McMasters Bridges ~ will be closed to all vehicle traffic during the race. Spectator vehicles will not be allowed to cross the river at these points.

Oscoda County - Paramalee Bridge ~ will be closed to spectators but passable to vehicles. No portable light will be available. If you are viewing the race from here, there are good sites along the campground on the north side or at the public access site on the south.

Mio Dam ~ Mio Dam has been upgraded this spring so better viewing will be available at the bottom of the dam on the fishing pier. Spectators will not be allowed on the spillway. There is a walkway from the MDOT parking lot, south of M 72, under the bridge to the dam. Spectators must stay clear of the pathway and the put-in area as the teams portage.

McKinley Bridge ~ Spectators will not be allowed to stand on the bridge to watch the race. Please watch from the north or south sides of the river.

4001 Bridge ~ U.S. Forest Service may be issuing tickets for parking at the boat launch site without a valid parking pass.

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Foote Dam ~ Parking may be limited because of construction at the dam.

Whirlpool near Oscoda ~ Everyone must park in the parking lot and not in the boat launch. US Forest Service will be issuing tickets at this area.

Consumer Energy Properties

No Alcoholic Beverages will be permitted. All coolers will be checked and beverages will be confiscated.